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Rabin puts in place campaign staff

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin began to prepare his campaign for reelection as Friday's opinion polls left him trailing badly. Right-wing opposition Likud party leader Benjamin Netanyahu would trounce the prime minister by more than 10 percentage points if elections were held today, according to a Gallup poll. Mr. Netanyahu picked up 45 per cent support over only 32 per cent for Mr. Rabin, 73, in the survey carried out this week. But 23 per cent were undecided. Mr. Rabin, who has suffered in the polls for several months amid public concern at suicide hombings and the caread of Palestinian autonomy, has yet suicide bombings and the spread of Palestinian autonomy, has yet to state unequivocally that he will stand. Nonetheless the director-general of the prime minister's bureau, Shimon Sheves, told Israel Radio on Friday that he would resign on June I to take over the election campaign staff. "I hope that Yitzhak Rabin who is an exceptional prime minister will stand for reelection, and I will do everything I can to help," Mr. Sheves said. He will first seek to boost Mr. Rabin's position within the Labour Party, which will hold primaries for elections which are due by November 1996.

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NAIROBI (AFP) - The United States and "many other governments" are studying the concept of a "Humland" and a "Tutsiland" to replace Rwanda and Borondi, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs George Moose said Friday. "It is a regional prob-lem," Mr. Moose told journalists in the Kenyan capital after visits to both tiny Central African nations, where The state of the s violence between Hutus and Tutsis is endemie. One of the main problems was that both countries were overpopulated, he said.

Palestinian AIDS victim finally in hospital

BEIRUT (AFP) — An impoverished Palestinian AIDS victim was hospitalised here on Friday nearly a week after he was refused medical care, hospital officials said. Nahil Atiyeh, 32, was taken by ambulance from his bome in the 'Ain Al Hilweh refugee camp in South Lebanon to the Hotel Dieu Hospital which agreed to take him in after an appeal hy a U.N. relief organisation for Palestinian refugees. Neighbours on Thursday threatened to seal off all roads leading to the 'Am Al Hilweh camp — an impoverished camp teeming with around 70,000 inhabitants - unless the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) took action. The UNRWA director in the southern port of Sidon, Saed Afife, said the agency would foot the bill for Mr. Atiyeh's hospitalisation. Mr. Atiyeh's plight made beadlines in Beirut after bis brother, Adel Atiyeb, shot him in the legs when he allegedly threatened to cut himself and contaminates his unless they helped him.

170 escape death in crash-landing

MANCHESTER (R) -More than 170 holidaymakers escaped serious injury on Friday when a charter flight from the Canary Islands crashed on landing at Manchester airport. The airtours McDonnel Douglas 83 skid-्राह्म श्री हमा ह सम्बद्धाः ded on the runway at Ring-way airport shortly after midnight. An investigation was underway as the boliday firm defended the plane's safety record. Police said passengers had a lucky escape when the plane's undercarriage collapsed, forcing an emergency 13. 15.25 13. 15. 25. B

Wife killed when suspect resists arrest

SIDON (AP) - The wife of suspected member of a Palestinian group was killed when her busband tried to resist arrest and engaged policemen in a shootout, a police statement said Friday. It identified the women as Yusra Ali Khattab, 36. Her busband, Mohammad Rohi Saleb, opened up with an automatic rifle at policemen who had come to his home in Sidon's Barrad neighbour-The second secon hood to arrest him just before midnight Thursday. The policemen fired back, fatally wounding the woman, according to the statement released in Sidon. Saleh, 46, מים לים ברם was overpowered and arrested. The statement said Saleh is wanted on several criminal charges, but did not give details.

FL H **Fugitive 'biscuit** king' surrenders

المتلأ والدواء المتديد NEW DELHI (AFP) this month after being con-Business tycoon Rajan Pillai, Indian court, the Press Trust Indian court, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported. Mr. rinua (FTI) reported. Mr. Pillai, who earned the nickname Asia's "biscuit king after be staged a dramatie corporate takeover in 1989, magistrate in the southern Indian city of Trivandrum, PTI said.

Jordan seeks regional peace, Israel has major responsibility — Sharif Zeid Jordan, Tunisia sign agreements

aimed at enhancing cooperation AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan remains committed to achiev-

ing comprehensive peace in the Middle East and believes that peace between the two countries in the region is not enough to ensure security and stability in the region, Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker said in comments published Friday.

Sharif Zeid, in an interview with Tunisia's Al Sabah daily, also voiced hope that comprehensive peace would be established in the region and affirmed that the efforts of His Majesty King Hussein were aimed at this objective.

Sbarif Zeid, who gave the interview to Al Sahah while in Tunisia to attend meetings of the Joint Jordanian-Tunisian Higher Committee, expressed optimism that all regional problems would be settled soon and underlined that Israel had a major responsibility to achieve peace with all parties in the region and not just Jordan and Palestine.

The prime minister, who returned home late Friday after the conclusion of the Tunis meeting, said the joint committee's deliberations were positive and his visit to Tunisia was good and yielded constructive results towards collective action.

Sharif Zeid said the agreements and programmes worked out by the joint committee would contribute to strengthening Jordanian-Tunisian relations and bolstering cooperation between the two countries' private

The prime minister said that during his visit to Tunisia be also sought to enhance collective Arab action and improve Inter-Arab coordination while addressing the consequences of the Gulf

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

(Agencies) — The Israeli

mayor of Jerusalem and the

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) traded angry accusations Friday over

Israel's latest confiscation of

Arab-owned land for build-

ing Jewish neighbourhoods in

The Palestinians said Israel

violated the Israeli-PLO

peace accord and that they

would complain to the U.N.

An Israeli daily said Friday

the seizing of Palestinian land in the Holy City was expected

to continue, with an addition-

al 1,100 acres earmarked for

The future of Jerusalem is

the most explosive issue in the Israeli-Palestinian con-

flict, with both sides claiming

the city as a political capital

and religious centre. Negotia-

tions on the final status of

Jerusalem are to begin by

Earlier this week, Israel

confiscated 140 acres in two

areas in Arab East Jerusalem

for the construction of Jewish

The PLO reacted angrily,

saying Israel was violating

promises that it would not

change the status quo in the

city until its fate had been

negotiated.
"We demand that Israel stop its plans," Arafat

spokesman Nabil Abu

Rudeineb said Friday. "Israel

is taking steps that contribute

to the failure of the peace

Palestinians have warned

that a new popular uprising

could erupt over the land

Jerusalem's bawkish

mayor, Ebud Olmert,

reacted angrily Friday to talk

neighbourhoods there.

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The joint committee concluded its meeting in Tunis Thursday evening by signing three agreements and two executive programmes for the implementation of previous

At the final session of the meetings, co-chaired by Sharif Zeid and Tunisian Premier Hamed Qarawi, Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Abul Ragheb and bis Tunisian counterpart Salahuddin Ben Mnbarak signed an agreement on cooperation in trade, economic, scientifie and technical fields.

Mr. Abul Ragheb also signed an agreement on encouraging and protecting investments with Mohammad Al Anousb, the Tunisian Minister of international cooperation. Transport Minister Samir Kawar signed trade and ports with his Tunisian counterpart Munther Al

Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Ibrabim Izzeddin and Tunisian Minister of Agriculture Mohammad Ben Rajab signed an executive programme dealing with cooperation in agricul-

more land in Jerusalem

"If someone tries to start

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spond with the methods of the intifada," Mr. Olmert said on Israel radio. "Those

who are threatening me with an intifada, I will give them a

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The Jerusalem Post, mean-

wbile, said another 4,400

dunums of Palestinian-owned

land were earmarked for con-

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The land is located in East

The deputy mayor, Un Lupoliansky, told the Post that the municipality has re-quested additional land ex-

propriations for Jewish bous-

ing projects in East Jeru-

Mr. Lupoliansky would not say how much land altogether

was singled out for expropria-

tion. But the Post said that

based on sources in city ball

and earlier statements by Mr. Lupoliansky, about 1,100

acres had been earmarked.

Rabin has promised not to

confiscate new land for Jew-

ish settlement construction in

the West Bank and not to

build new settlements there.

However, the pledges do not

apply to Arab East Jeru-

Environment Minister

Yossi Sarid, an Israeli peace

negotiator, warned that the

confiscations would backfire

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Israel plans to seize

ture. Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Abdul Ilah Khatih signed an executive programme on cooperation in tourism for 1995-1997 with Tunisian Minister of Tourism Salahuddin Mahawi.

Addressing the signing ceremony in Tunis, Sharif Zeid said the agreements allow the two countries to give preferential trade treatment to each other, allowing their prodcuts to flow freely into one another and open the door for Jordanian and Tunisian businessmen to widen the scope of cooperation in investments and joint

Sharif Zeid announced that Tunisia bad decided to participate in the Amman economie conference due to be beld in Amman in October.

The Tunis meeting reaf-firmed the Kingdom's orientation towards joint Arab action and pan-Arab solidarity, the prime minister

He reiterated Jordan's determination to work towards a comprehensive Middle East peace and enabling the Palestinian people to regain their legitimate rights and independence on their national

The Tunisian prime minister said his country was deeply satisfied with the progress of cooperation with Jordan, expressing bope that bilateral agreements would ensure further progress for the two countries.

darity, Mr. Qarawi said that Jordanian-Tunisian relations present an example of strong ties for Arab people.

Sbarif Zeid, who left Tunis after the signing ceremony, returned to Amman late Friday along with the members of the Jordanian side to the committee meeting.

Successive Israeli govern-

ments bave supported the construction of Jewish neigh-

bourhoods in East Jerusalem,

with more than 65,000 hous-

ing units having been built or

approved on annexed land

Building has been so ma-

sive that today Jews outnum-

ber Palestinians in East Jerusalem — 160,000 to 155,000.

At the same time, building for Palestinians has been res-

tricted so that the Arah

population would not rise

above 28 per cent of the total, city officials have said.

An Israeli buman rights group, Ir Shalem, has asked the finance ministry to block the confiscations, said the

group's legal advisor, Daniel Zeidman. He said the group

was also considering legal

moves if their request was

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MASSACRE: A Rwandan soldier (left) stands dead following a massacre of Huto refingee

guard as bodies are exhumed from a mass (see inside) (AFP photo) grave at the Kibeho refugee camp to count the

Jordan will adopt own NPT stand after Arab, NAM failures

AMMAN (J.T.) - Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kahariti said in Jakarta that Jordan would adopt its own national and pan-Arab stand vis-a-vis the question of extending the nuclear Non-Pro-liferation Treaty (NPT) now tbat neither the Arab countries nor the foreign ministers of the Non-Aligned Move-ment (NAM) bave reached consensus on this issue.

Speaking on Jakarta Television shortly before leaving Indonesia where be attended a meeting of NAM foreign ministers, Mr. Kabarati said that Jordan "will have to adopt a stand regarding this issue in a manner that would safeguard national interests sions of the Jordan-Israel peace treaty which calls for a Middle East region free of weapons of mass destruc-Mr. Kabariti, who is due to

return to Amman Saturday, expressed dismay at the Arah League's failure to adopt a unified Arah stand with regard to the NPT extension during the Arab foreign ministers' meeting in Cairo last month and the failure of the NAM foreign ministers to adopt a concerted policy in this regard.

However, the political committee of the conference issued a statement praising Jordan's steps towards peace

in Middle East including the Kingdom's peace treaty with

The statement said that the treaty bad secured for Jordan the restoration of its lands and water and contributed towards the establishment of overall peace in the region.

Following is the statement: The ministers of the coordinating bureau of the nonaligned countries meeting in Bandung, Indonesia, April 25-27, 1995 exchanged views on the review and extension conference on the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. 2. The ministers of the

states parties to the treaty

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FBI fears second blast suspect may strike again

OKLAHOMA CITY (Agencies) - The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) bas pledged an all-out effort to catch an elusive second suspect in the deadly Oklahoma City bombing before be can

FBI agent John Hersley made the pledge on Thursday as a judge found an "indeli-ble trail of evidence" linking Gulf war soldier Timothy MeVeigh, the only suspect so far in custody, to the April 19 truekbombing of the federal building here which killed at least 110 people.

At a bearing held at a Maximum security prison near Oklahoma City, Federal ordered McVeigh, 27, held without bail, paving the way for him to be indicted and brought to trial.

Mr. Hersley said at the bearing that his main responsibility was to find out the identity and location of a second suspect "so that we can prevent another bomh that FBI fears that the second

sketch of the man, who is being hunted nationwide, but says it does not know his real

suspect, referred to only as "John Doe Number," may set off another bomb. The FBI bas released a

name.

The death toll in the bomb-

ing of the Alfred Mnrrah Federal Building climbed to 110 with the recovery of 11 more bodies as rescue workers made progress in removing tonnes of rubble from the

about 100 are still missing. One witness spotted MeVeigb driving a rental truck towards the federal building. Another saw him minutes later, speeding away in a car just before an explosion ripped through the building.

those of several other witnesses, are part of evidence (Continued on page 7)

Collapsed building.
Some 400 people were injured in the worst civilian attack in U.S. history and

The alleged sightings, and

Rabin to discuss **Syria** with Clinton

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin is to go to Washington next week to hrief U.S. President Bill Clinton on his country's peace negotiations with Syria, Israel radio said

In an interview to he broadeast Saturday, Mr. Rahin said he intended to suhmit some new ideas on the negotiations to Mr. Clinton, although he stressed he was not sure what effect the meeting would have on the peace talks, the radio reported.

Israeli officials have not said when Mr. Rabin will go to Washington.

The Israeli prime minister said he hoped to secure a peace agreement with Damascus before the next Israeli parliamentary elec-tions due in November 1996, when the government leader will be directly elected for the first time.

He also said be boped to organise a referendum on Israel's proposed withdrawal from the Golan Heights before the poll, so the issue could be discussed away from the election campaign.

Negotiations between Israel and Syria have stumbled since they started three and a balf years ago over the question of withdrawal from the Golan, which the Jewish state has occupied since 1967

Peres: 'threat' waning

Israeli Foreign Minister Sbimon Peres said Friday 'Syria's army is growing weaker and its conventional weapons will pose no threat to Israel within two to three years.

"The Syrian army has been weakened by the country's economie problems and its ageing weapons arsenal," Mr. Peres told Israel Televi-

"Within two to three years the Syrian army will no longer pose a threat to Israel

with regards to conventional warfare," he said. Israel must sign peace with Syria to ward off the possibility that the Arab state would use chemical weapons or

back attacks on Jewisb targets," Mr. Peres added. It is "very difficult to understand the true positions of the Syrians, which are an engima to us at the moment,

1992 most-wanted list, only

On Thursday, Israeli sol-diers shot dead a Palestinian

at a roadblock on the ont-

The army said it was check-

ing wby the soldiers opened

fire on the 50-year-old

Palestinian, identified by re-

latives as Nasr Amr. Israel's Channel Two tele-

vision showed Amr's body,

covered with a sheet, on the

road near his bloodstained

car a few metres from the

roadblock, manned hy army

two remained alive.

skirts of Jerusalem.

Magistrate Runald Howland **Autopsy proves torture**

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — A Palestinian who died in Israeli eustody was tortured to death, a pathologist who attended the

Samad Harizat, was beaten for 20 minutes, had bis head banged against a wall and was then left alone unconscious in a tiny isolation cell, Israeli media said.

out by five Palestinian collaborators who acted under orders from interrogators in

my regret a re-division of the city by walls of discrimination and fear," Mr. Zeidman told Israel Radio, attending at the request of The Palestinian Authority the Harizat family. said that the PLO's U.N. Dr. Pounder said Friday all representative would present an urgent complaint to the

United Nations Security Left-wing Israeli govern-ment ministers from the Meretz party called for a balt to the expropriation orders-Harizat, 29, was a sus-

for the first 53 hectares. The Israeli anti-settlement gin constructing 200 villas north of Ramallah in May.

autopsy said Friday.
The detainee, Ahdul

and the Maariv daily said.

An autopsy of Harizat's body was performed Thursday by two Israeli patholog-

three doctors reached the same conclusion. "There is no doubt whatsoever about the casue of death and it is very elear that he died from unnatural causes, and that he died from torture," Dr. Pounder said on army radio.

pected activist in the militant

(PLO) autonomy accord. The Shin Beth was interrogating Harizat in hopes he would lead them to members of Hamas' military wing, Izzedine Al Qassam, in the West Bank town of Hebron.

Government spokesman Uri Dromi said restrictions on Shin Beth interrogators were relaxed after the rash of deadly suicide bombings that has killed scores of Israelis in the past year.

ters that all he could say was that three pathologists had agreed on the cause of death. Mr. Rosenthal said a criminal investigation was under way in the Israeli justice ministry. He said that by

Last November, a ministerial committee gave the Shin Beth more leeway in questioning suspected militants after a rise in attacks on Israelis.

An Israeli security source said Harizat was a senior member of Hamas's military wing and connected to three Hamas guerrillas killed last week by Israeli forces in Hebron in the West Bank. Even before the relaxing of

restrictions, Shin Beth agents

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Israeli general says troops must kill guerrillas

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — An Israeli general said in an interview published on Friday that his troops must kill more wanted Palestinian activists.

Asked bow many wanted guerrillas were in the occupied West Bank, Major-General Ilan Biran told the newspaper Haaretz: "We suppose there are still four or five squads we must kill." "There are several dozen

people defined as wanted

men. There are thousands aiding the wanted men," said Gen. Biran, Israel's central area commander responsible for the occupied West Bank. Israeli troops have been battling militant suicide bombers who have killed scores of Israelis in an effort to torpedo the 1993 Israeli-Palestine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) peace deal. Israel's previous army chief, Ehud Barak, said in a newspaper interview last December that of 12 Palestinian guerrillas that appeared on a

reservists. "Why did they bave to sboot him?" one of Amr's relatives asked reporters at the scene. The television reported

that soldiers said Amr, who was transporting Palestinian workers, had behaved suspiciously at the checkpoint in the occupied West Bank.

In Gaza City, a mosque preacher addressing PLO

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ment among the Palestinians. "Whoever confiscates land in Jerusalem not without conmovement Peace Now said sidering the needs of its Arab West Bank settlers would beresidents is loosening the ground under the battle for the unity of Jerusalem," said

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The beatings were carried

the secret Shin Beth security services, Israel army radio ists, with a Scottish pathologist, Dr. Derek Pounder,

group Hamas which has carried out a series of bombing attacks in Israel in an effort to derail the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation

A lawyer for the family, Andre Rosenthal, told Reu-

agreemnet he was barred from saying any more until Sonday.

Albright to visit Jordan, Israel and Egypt in May

UNITED NATIONS is it a presidential one of the free zone in the Middle East (USIA) — U.S. Ambassador Albright will meet with the heads of state and senior officials in Israel, Jordan, and Egypt in early May to discuss United Nations activities and issues, the U.S. Mission to the U.N. has announced.

Ms. Albright, the U.S. chief envoy to the United Nations, will also represent President Bill Clinton at a ceremony in the Czech Republic marking the 50th anniversary of the World War II liberation of Plzen from Nazi occupation May 6, 1945, hy American Third Army troops under General George Patton.

Ms. Albright is scheduled to be in Israel on May I, Jordan on May 2, and Egypt on May 3. A U.S. official said "the

primary focus in the Middle East will be on npcoming General Assembly resolntions and U.N. activity in the region. Issues such as Iraqi sanctions, the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and regional peacekeeping operations will also be discus-

In recent remarks to journalists, the U.S. official characterised Albright's trip as one for "normal consultations" and not one "driven by high policy objectives."

Ms. Albright has longstanding invitations from King Hussein, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin to visit their countries but "she had been unable to meet those invitations because of timing. She felt this was the time," the U.S. official said.

This is not a presidential mission of the kind she tonk for consultations on Iraq, nor

kind when she met heads of state during the Partnership for Peace period," said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Earlier this year, Ms.

Albright undertook a presidential mission to meet with top officials of countries on the Security Council aimed at ensuring that sanctions against Iraq remained in place. One result of that trip to Britain, Oman, Argentina and other countries, was that the United States cosponsored a resolution allowing Iraq to sell up to \$2,000 million of oil every six months to pay for humanitarian supplies. Iraq, however,

has not accepted the council's

The U.S. official addedthat "the reality is there are some issues in the region that are topical and the NPT is one of them. I fully expect that to be discussed at the highest levels" while she is in Egypt, which has been leading the opposition against indefinite extension of the arms control treaty. The United States has been unyielding in its efforts to make the NPT

Egypt has said that it cannot support the NPT's indefinite extension as long as Israel is not a party to the treaty, therefore forswearing nuclear weapons and placing its nuclear facilities under International Atomie Energy Agency safeguards. Egypt is also a main proponent of a nnclear weapons free zone for the Middle East,

The U.S. official said "the purpose of the ambassador's trip is not to ask Israel to join the NPT. But, as you know, the United States believes that the idea of a weapons

is an idea that should be pursued."

Ms. Albright will also be visiting Palestinian camps near Jericho and Ramallah in the West Bank.

"One of the things she will be talking about is the way sin which the U.N. system is operating to assist the Palestinians in their development ... she will go to the West Bank to see what activities UN-RWA (U.N. Relief and Works Agency) is pursuing and meet with Palestinian officials there," the official

The ambassador did not request a meeting with Palestinian Chairman Yasser Arafat because "the purpose of her trip is not to involve herself in the Middle East peace process. Rather, she will talk about the issues before the U.N., such as UN-RWA activities in the West Bank, the way in which Israel has been unable to fully join the U.N. by being excluded from regional groupings, and the nuhelpful, anti-Israel character of some of the General Assembly resolu-

tions," the official said. "It's very much a U.N.oriented trip, not designed to get involved in the daily negotiations and discussions between the Israeli government and Palestinians," the official stated.

The ambassador is lonking forward to representing the United States at the Czech ceremony, the official added. given the fact that she is from Czechoslovakia and she now represents the United States. Being able to celebrate America's liberation of the Czech Republic is a particular pleasure for her," he

Sanctions imposed against Iraq since its inavasion of Kuwait in 1990 have crippled the embargoed country's economy and rendered essentials in life either invailable or too

'If yon're fortunate enough to find enough insulin for your diabetic child today to tie him over a period of one month, the price will be many times more your salsaid Dr. Farekh.

near total collapse — doctor Iraqi doctors often resort to diagnosing cases without

the necessary laboratory tests. The medicines they prescribe are often the very · few ones available at the time. By the time they get patients with chronic illnesses stabilised on any one medicine, it soon becomes unavailable through regular channels, Dr. Farekh said.

ALGERIAN-INDONESIA DEAL: Algerian documents on a bilateral agreement on econo

Foreign Minister Mohammad Salah Dembri mic and technical cooperation at the Indone-

(left) waits for his Indonesian counterpart Ali sian Foreign Ministry in Bandung on Friday.

Health services in Iraq are

Alatas to get ready before exchanging signed

By Natasha Bukhari

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - 'What I saw in

terms of suffering and de-

privation will stay with me for

a very long time," said a

Jordanian doctor of Iraqi pa-

tients and the country's

health infrastructure which

he described as faced with a

Having recently visited

several Iraqi clinics and hos-pitals, Dr. Mohammad Al

Farekh described what he

could happen to an Iraqi

nowadays is to fall ill," he

told the Jordan Times in an

interview. He said very hasic,

medical supplies including

cotton, antiseptics, antibio-

tics, etc. were not available in

the most public hospitals and

clinics and that if available in

the black market, they are

too highly priced for average

Iraqi to purchase.

'The worst thing that

eyewitnessed with horror.

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"I find it very difficult to decide who is the most hardly hit by this widespread shortage; the elderly, the children, the hypertensives, the epileptics, the diabetics... or the ones who suffer from an acute surgical condition for which surgery cannot be performed in view of the lack of anesthetics and surgical sutures... if and when available, each X-ray film is used for three different patients at one

time," the doctor said, But an Iraqi decision to refuse a United Nations Security Council offer for partial Iraqi oil sale for the purpose of humanitarian use drew lots of criticism from politicians and human rights activists alike.

While Jordan and other countries considered the U.N. resolution as a step towards total lifting of the oil-sale embargo against Iraq, Iraqi officials and parliamentarians considered the move as an American and British plot to undermine the country's sovereignty over its

resources.
Dr. Farekh insists that the suffering people of Iraq should be helped regardless of their country's politics.
"The patients I encoun-

tered in Iraq were not con-sulted when Iraq invaded Knwait; they should not pay the price for their govern-ment's policies. While these Iraqi patients seem to have chosen to die quietly with pride, the rest of the world, especially the medical community, should not stand by." he said.

"I should like to invoke the principles of our human civilisation to stop this cruelty against a whole nation. Our pledge to save human lives and to care for and love the sick, should motivate us to save human lives in Iraq. All medical and humanitarian agencies and physicians around the world should lend a hand to the patients of Iraq, who desperately need assist-

ance now," the doctor said, Dr. Farekh took along with him to Baghdad a container of medicine sufficient for approximately I00 patients for a period of one month. While such a modest supply of medicine does not stretch far or long enough in such a desperate situation, but many similar donations for humanitarian aid could make a

RJ awaits decision on request for Libya flights

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Royal Jordanian (RJ), the national air carrier, was expecting a final response to its request to operate flights for pilgrims from Lihya to Saudi Arabia at a United Nations Sanctions Committee meeting late Friday, aviation sources said.

The airline had scheduled about 10 flights from Libyan airports to Jeddah in Saudi Arahia beginning early Satur-day, but it would be difficult to launch the first flight as planned if the permission was issued late Friday, the sources said.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, rejected reports that the committee had turned down the

Jordanian request. "The airline has not received a formal answer to its request, and it expects tonight's meeting to decide whether it is accepted or rejected," said one source.

According to the sources, the United States was "the sole objector" to the Jordanian request, presented through the Kingdom's permanent mission to the U.N. in New York. Given that the U.S. has veto powers, the fate of the request could be rejected.

State Department spokes-mans Nicholas Burns said Thursday the U.S. believed that the 45 flights planned hy Egyptair to ferry Libyan pil-grims to Saudi Arabia this year were sufficient.

"We believe that the exception that the U.N. Sanctions Committee made last week to permit Egyptair to ferry 6,000 Lihyan pilgrims to Mecca this year will suffice," Mr. Burns said at a State Department briefing. "It is a good step, a local,

reasonable, humanitarian step for the international community to take," said the spokesman. "And we're not convinced that it's necessary for government airlines outside of Lihya to be given this exception.

Mr. Burns said the U.S. maintained this position at

Libva is under United Na. tions sanctions imposed three years ago for its refusal to extradite two Libyans who, the U.S. and Britain say, were involved in the bombing of a Pan Am jetliner in 1988 The plane exploded over the Scottish town of Lockerhie on Dec. 22, 1988, killing

270 people. Libya rejects the U.S. and British charges and says that it is willing to send the two Lihvans for trial in the International Court of Justice in the Hague but not to the U.S. or Britain.

The sanctions on the North African country include an air emhargo, which has grounded all international

ights into and out of Libva. However, Lihyan leader Muammar Qadhafi challenged the emhargo this year, asserting the religious right of every Muslim to perform the Haj pilgrimage. He sent a Libyan airplane carrying pil-grims from Tripoli to Jeddah on April 22.

On the same day, the U.N. Sanctions Committee which groups all members of the Security Council approved Egyptair flights to ferry Libyan pilgrims.

The Egyptian national carrier is continuing its flights, but it was highly unlikely that it would be able to complete the allowed 45 flights before the Saudi authorities close down Jeddah airport a few days before the culmination of the pilgrimage as they do every year.

This year's pilgrimage falls around May 10, and Jeddah airport closes down around May 7.
The American objection to

the request, according to political analysts, appears to have more to do with Washington's stand towards Libya than the fact that it was a Jordanian request.

Given the warmth in Jordanian-U.S ties it is unlikely that Washington is objecting to the request because is Jordanian," said an analyst. "It is more probable that the U.S. does not want to give what it sees as further concessions to Libya.

Turkey protests Eurocouncil vote

ANKARA (R) — Turkey denounced on Thursday a council of Europe resolution to suspend it from the organisation because of its military offensive against Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq.

The resolution passed by the Council of Europe is of an unacceptable nature, in tary assembly President appropriate, unfair and never Angel Martinez to issue a applicable," government told reporters after the cabinet discussed the issue.

The council's 34 member states approved a resolution in Strasbourg asking its governing committee of ministers to suspend Turkey unless it showed significant progress towards a withdrawal from Iraq before a June 26 European Union summit. It also called for a peaceful

solution to the Kurdish problem and democratic reforms of Turkey's constitution and

The European Parliament has set similar conditions he-

agreement between Tnrkey and the European Union.

Turkey's parliamentary delegation in Strasbourg said it would no longer take part in any activities and would refuse all cooperation with the Strasbourg-based council. That prompted parliamen-

statement regretting the de-"I find the recommendation moderate and reason-.

able, very respectful towards Turkey but also towards our organisation and the principles it defends," Mr. Martinez said. Rather than isolating Turkey, the parliamentary re-

solution was intended to leave the door open to those working for a modern and democratic Turkey in the heart of Europe, be said. But Mr. Aktuna said he

saw things differently. "No entity has the right to dictate to the Turkish parliafore it will ranfy a customs ment..." he said, noting that

'Men need to see brides before marriage'

the coalition government of Prime Minister Tansu Ciller was preparing what it calls a "democratisation package" and would set its own timet-

He said the operation in northern Iraq was aimed against 'terrorism' and would be limited in duration. Turkey sent 35,000 troops

into northern Iraq on March Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) in its separatist insurgency in southeast Turkey.

Turkey, which is under strong Western pressure to end the operation, says it has withdrawn about 23,000 troops.

The council has adopted several resolutions demanding that Turkey improve its human rights record, but this would be the first time it imposed sanctions on Ank-

The only country the couneil ever suspended was Greece, in protest at its military dictatorship in the 1970s.

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'Most pressing' Palestinian needs being met WASHINGTON (USIA) — Palestinian self-rule areas. the Holst Fund is vital to ment of Palestinian Central Fund will continue to be the

ment needs of the Palestinian people are starting to be met" as a result of accelerated implementation of the World Bank's Emergency Rehabilitation Project (ERP) and stepped-up implementation of donors' programmes, World Bank Vice President for the Middle East and North Africa Caio Koch-Weser says.

The World Bank's Emergency Rehabilitation Project is expected to be completed a year ahead of original plans, Koch-Weser said in a news release April 26. "Close to \$100 million in commitments are expected by end-June 1995 for subprojects under the ERP. bringing the number of con-tracts to be awarded to a record high, well ahead of the project's completion date of mid-1996. The Bank has also channelled \$95 million from donors to the Palestinians since June 1994 through the Johan Jorgen Holst Peace Fund (Holst Fund)," he said.

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The speed-up achieved in implementing the Bank's Emergency Rehabilitation Project, and the stepped-up implementation of other donors' programmes, means that the most pressing development needs of the Palestinian people are start-ing to be met," World Bank Vice President for the Middle East and North Africa Caio Koch-Weser said.

"At the same time, the Holst Fund has helped ensure that the Palestinian Authority remained solvent in its initial stages, by acting as a conduit for about \$95 million in donor assistance so far. Continued donor support to

Anthority's operations are uninterrupted," Mr. Koch-Weser added.

The ERP

As part of its development activities in the West Bank and Gaza, the World Bank supports the \$128 million ERP projects designed to help rehabilitate infrastucture in major sectors such as roads, power, education, water, and water sanitation. Despite initial delays, caused by the process of hiring manage ment consultants, over \$57 million have been committed in the form of signed contracts and 103 sub-projects are underway under ERP.

Another 85 sub-projects, valued at over \$70 million. are out to bid or under bid preparation. Among the latter sub-projects are the rehabilitation of the Salah Edin road in Gaza and the upgrading of inter-urban roads in the West Bank. Along with World Bank

financing of \$30 million, project co-financiers include the Saudi Fund and the Arah Fund, each pledging \$30 million. Another \$10 million was pledged by the Kuwait Fund. Denmark and Switzerland will provide \$18 million and \$10 million respectively. The Holst Fund

By ensuring regular pay-

key operating costs at a time when no other means for doing so existed, the Bankmanaged Holst Fund has made a major contribution to the development of the West Bank and Gaza. Proceeds go through the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR) and the Palestinian Ministry of Finance and cover various budgetary expenditures. Among those, the full payroll of the Central Administration in Gaza and the West Bank, including teachers and medical staff. The Holst Fund also covers

medical supplies, office equipment, welfare expenses, selected nongovernmental organisation salaries and other start-np costs. In addition, the Fund provides one of the main sources of finance for the Gaza Clean-Up Programme. The Holst Fund has been

replenished twice, with contributions by 17 countries tot-alling \$105 million. The largest donors are the United States, Knwait, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. The fund is expected to be

replenished following the Paris Ad-Hoc Liaison Committee meeting of donors on April 27-28, 1995. With the replenishment, the Holst cost financing channel for the Palestinian Authority

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through the end of 1995. In June, the World Bank is planning to present for approval by its Board another project aimed at supporting Palestinian development needs. The proposed Education and Health Rehabilitation Project, the costs of which are currently estimated at over \$100 million, is to help upgrade equipment in schools and health facilities. It is also aimed at improving quality standards in those sectors and will help develop the Ministries of Education and Health.

AP adds from Paris: The Palestinian Authority and donor nations on Thursday reached agreement on a plan to fund the authority's operations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip through the end of the year, sources said. The accord will help meet

an expected \$136 million deficit by the authority that is depending on donors to survive, sources close to the talks said. Donor nations had agreed

to finance the operating hudget of the Palestinian Anthority, which oversees the autonomous region set up after the 1993 peace agreement between Palestinians and

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ited Arab Emirates (UAE) men should be allowed to see their brides before marriage as the custom of simply exchanging photographs could lead to divorce, Al Bayan daily reported on Friday.
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ABU DHABI (AFP) - Un-

rules which allow a man to see his hride before marriage in the presence of their relatives," it quoted Jamal Al Bah, director of the State Marriage Fund, as saying in a lecture to Ras Al Khaimah. "To see each other through

law and has led to an increase in divorce." Most native women in the

UAE and other Gulf states still wear veils on their faces in line with long-standing bedouin traditions.

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the Royal family, are participating in the exhibition through their designs of 'door motifs" for Bani Hamida weavings and art

The exhibition, whose theme is "Doors of Opportunity," is spousored by the Shahin Group Company AIFCO and will run until It includes rugs, cushions

and wall hangings woven with natural vegetable dyes. The Bani Hamida Project was founded by the U.S.based Save the Children Fed-

invited hy Queen Noor to establish in Jordan a rural based income-generating handicrafts project. The project benefits more than 1,200 women and their families of the Bani Hamida tribe living in 13 villages on the Bani Hamida Mountain in the

Madaha district,

Queen Noor, accompanied Mrs. Hind Nasser and Mrs. In'am Mufti, was re-ceived by Mr. Mark Eddington, Middle East area director of Save the Children, Mrs. Natasha Shawarih, the Bani Hamid project manager, Mr. and Mrs. Jaidi Toukan and board members Mr. and Mrs. Jafar of the Jordanian Contractors Association.



NEARLY 2,000 people; led by Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ben Zeid, deputising for Her Majesty Queen Noor, and including the secretary-general of the Ministry of Youth and other officials, participate in a march. Entitled "The Leaders' March," it licked off from the Educational Development kicked off from the Educational Development Schools in Sweileh and ended at the

Jordan Sports Federation for the Handicapped. The march sought to raise funds for the Deaf Welfare Society. The society, which includes 171 students members, was established in 1974 to care for deaf students and provide educational and cultural ser-

CDD rescues 3 men trapped under rubble

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Civil Defence He said the Department (CDD) teams rescred three Egyptian workas trapped under a construction nibble in Wadi Abdoun over the weekend, CDD sources said Friday.

A CDD official said that the three workers were digging a four-metre hole under house in Al Quessieh suburb late Thursday night when one side of the hole collapsed burying the three men.

"When our rescue teams arrived to the scene they were able to pull out two of He said the third man was

rescued Friday evening. "The third man was trapped under a huge rock, and we had to dig from the other sides of the house to pull the rock out of the hole to save him," the official said adding

that the entire rescue operation lasted 20 hours. The CDD official said that it was two early to determine the cause of the collapse and that "it was possible that the way the workers dug the hole

the three men within two According to the official, hours," the official told the . all three men were taken to Al Bashir Hospital and were listed in fair to good condi-

The CDD official identified the injured as Rahi Hussein, 22, Sayed Ajami, 29, and Ramadan Al Sayed, 33.

This is the second such incident within two months to occur in Amman. On March 11, two Egyptian workers were killed and a third was seriously injured when a dirt wall of a sewerage ditch they were digging caved in on top of the three men.

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Pilgrims arrive in Medina

MEDINA (Petra) — Jordanian pilgrims Friday arrived here in preparation for the next A SUBSTITUTE OF THE SUBSTITUTE portion of their journey to Mecca on Tuesday, according to Samih Athamneh, head of the Jordanian pilgrims teams. While in Medina pilgrims will visit the tomb of Prophet Mohammad and other Islamie and historical sites, in addition to hearing religious, educational and cultural lectures. The piglrims' convoys are accompanied by amhulances, reserve huses, mobile mechanic workshops and other support staff. The head of the Jordanian medical teams accompanying the pilgrims, Talal Khreisat, said 40 doctors are on board in addition to several assistant pharmacists and nurses. Dr. Khreisat said some of the pilgrims are suffering from

ing pilgrims.

Symposium to tackle effects of immigrant husbands on family

AMMAN (Petra) - Under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor, a two-day symposium on the impact of husband immigration on the family will be held here today. Taking part in the symposium, which is organised hy the General Federation of Jordanian Women in cooperation with the Arab League, will be representatives of public institutions and nongovernmental organisations. Participants will discuss three working papers on reflections of the husbands' immigration on the Jordanian statistical status, including size and features of families of Jordanian immigrants, in addition laryngitis, respiratory infections, sun strokes to a paper on legislative framework and and stomach cramps, common diseases affect- services offered to families of immigrants.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from & Exhibition of contemporary calligraphy at monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned insolutions.

SPRING EXHIBITION

The Queen Alia' Fund for Social Develop-ment spring exhibition at Beit Al Bawadi of "Rus and Ceramics," Medina Munawara Street

JEWELLERY DISPLAY

An exhibition of jewellery inspired by the nture of Dhana (designed by Ammar Khammash in cooperation with the Royal Society for Conservation of Nature) at Darat Al Funun).

LECTURE

Lecture (in Arabic) entitled "The Mutual Relationship Between Music and Drawing" by Hamid Yassin at Darat Al Funun, Jabal Luweidbeh at 6:00 p.m.

EXHIBITION

* Exhibition of paintings of Rizq Abdul Hadi at Baladna Art Gallery.

the National Museum of Fine Arts.

☆ Annual spring exhibition: "Doors of Opportunity" by the Bani Hamida at the Jordanian Construction Contractors Association Building, Abdoun (Tel: 658696).

* Exhibition of paintings by Lebanese artist Karim Al Hage at the Royal Cultural

★ Exhibition of plastic art by several Jordanian artists at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art.

* Photography exhibition entitled "Fuentes de la Memoria" at Instituto Cervantes (the Spanish Cultural Centre).

A. Exhibition of water colour and oil paintings by Jordanian artists Sa'id Haddadin at Orfali Art Gallery. ☆ Exhibition of paintings by Samer Ousams

at the French Cultural Centre. A collection of photos of Middle East doors by Julia Reinholt at the Gallery, off the main lobby, Inter Continental Hotel.

& Exhibition of art by Moroccan artist Farid Belkhahia at Darat Al Funun of the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation.

Polish team ends visit after talks to revive panel on bilateral cooperation By a Jordan Times ish diplomats said that as a

Staff Reporter

AMMAN - A Polish delegation ended a two-day visit to Jordan on Friday after talks with officials on reviving a joint commission on hilateral cooperation and enhancing trade and economic ties with the Kingdom.

The delegation, headed by Jerzey Kaminski, undersecretary of state at the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, was the first Polish team to visit Jordan since 1991.

Mr. Kaminski, who held talks with Foreign Ministry Secretary-General Navef Hadid, Ministry of Water and Irrigation under-secretary Mohammad Bani Hani and Amman Chamber of Industry President Khaldoun Ahu lassan, said his country was keen on reviving cooperation with Jordan.

Jordanian-Polish relations remained largely in limbo since the late 80s when political changes swept the former communist country. Polresult of the changes within the country, the government was not able to focus much on Poland's external relations, and that now Warsaw was trying to rehuild ties.

"Poland is a special situa-tion," said senior Polish diplomat here. "It is in a transitionary stage, and it would take some time before we could hope to see our hilateral relations improve."

One of the key themes for Mr. Kaminski's talks here was the revival of a Jordanian-Polish economie commission, which last met in "We would like to have the

commission meet late this year or early next year," said Mr. Kaminski. "We have in-vited a Jordanian team to visit Warsaw soon to discuss the meeting.

The deputy minister said he also renewed an invitation extended by Polish President Lech Walesa to His Majesty King Hussein to visit Poland, Mr. Kaminski said Poland welcomed the Middle East

peace process and hoped that it would lead to comprehensive peace in the region.

Poland would like to participate in the economic development of the region through offering technology and expertise. It is difficult to raise Polish capital for projects in the Middle East at this point," the deputy minister told the Jordan Times, noting that Poland itself was short of capital.

But, he said, Poland enjoys a relative edge in technology related to railroads, pipelines, highways and industrial equipment and this could be employed by Middle Eastern

"We would like to participate in the Iraq-Jordan pipe-line," he said, referring to plans to lay a 600-kilometre pipeline to pump Iraqi oil to Jordan instead of the present trucking system.

The deputy minister noted that the transport and industrial sectors were key areas for development as the region moves to an era of peace and to consider close involvement in the projects subject to the interest of the parties directly concerned.

Mr. Kaminski said his country was also interested in converting to equity a \$270,000 loan due from the Jordan Glass Industries Company, and that Polish technology could be used by the company, which is now undergoing a revamping after sustaining losses.

Trade between Jordan and Poland is in favour of the latter, whose annual exports to the Kingdom - mostly machinery — are worth about \$10 million, compared with Jordanian exports of about \$1 million to Poland.

Poland offers an average of seven scholarships for graduate and post-graduate studies to Jordanian students. The scholarships run for about seven years.

In return, Jordan gives five scholarships for Polish studenis of Arabic language, but unlike the Polish grants for Jordanian students - who are given full board and lodgstipend for up to seven years beneficiaries of the Jordanian programme - which is limited to one year - have to pay boarding expenses in

Polish diplomats said War-saw would like to "balance the scholarships" and "ensure that both sides offer equal treatment to the beneficiaries of the prog-

Jordan and Poland have signed a civil aviation agreement clearing the way for Royal Jordanian and Poland's Lot airline to fly to Warsaw and Amman respectively. "We hope the flights would start soon," said a Polish official, adding that he could not provide a definite timing for the launching of

Mr. Kaminski arrived here from Iraq after several days of talks there on Polish-Iraqi relations and what were believed to be Warsaw's efforts to ensure that Poland gets a share of post-sanctions husi-

Economists call for creating a balance between consumer, producer protection

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Leading economists Thursday called for creating a balance between consumers and producers to cope with the political and economic developments in the Kingdom.

In a two-day conference entitled "Protecting the Consumer and the Producer," held at the Amman Chamber of Commerce (ACC), Mohammad Nabulsi, governor of the Central Bank of Jordan, addressed the gathering saying the general understanding among the puble is that there is a conflict of . interest between the protection of consumers and

But in reality, he said, the two subjects are connected from an economic perspective. Balance needs 10 be

provided between consumers and producers in order for them to achieve economic and social harmony in the society," Dr. Nabulsi

Amman Chamber of Commerce representative Mohammad Muhtasib, who delivered a speech on behalf of ACC President Haidar Murad, also stressed on the importance of arriving at such a halance. saying that several insti-

media emphasise the need for consumer protection and neglect the issue of protecting the producers.
"Hopefully participants

will focus on eliminating the image that producers want to exploit consumers so that the producers can efficiently manufacture," Mr. Muhtasib said. Hind Abdul Jaber, presi-

dent of the National Federation of the Business and Professional Women's Club (BPWC), which organised the conference, said the issue of protection was selected because "consuming has become an important aspect in our daily

'The private sector is the

base of our Jordanian economy, and we aim as bringing back the trust between the producer and the consumer," she said.

Ms. Abdul Jaher reviewed the themes of the three previous annual conferences organised by the BPWC, and the club's present and future projects.

the National Federation of BPWC, said that the challenges facing the kingdom require that consumer and producer protection be addressed.

mically, and economic institutes will have a large role to play," Ms. Mufti said.

In'am Mufti, president of

"This issue should be the main concern of people hecause it will affect our future, politically and econo-

Papers presented at Thursday's session in-cluded 'Consumer Protection in the Service Sector," hy Marwan Awad, "Con-sumer Protection in the Products Sector," hy

Mohammad Halayqah, "The Sales Tax Law and its Effects on the Consumer and Producer," by Hamzeh Haddad, "The Jordanian Society's Consumption Behaviour, and the Role of the Consumer Protection Association (CPA), by Mohammad Obeidat . . .

Suheimat lauds court efforts to speed up judicial process

head of the Judicial Council, Khleif Suheimat, has lauded the diligence of the judges of the Court of Cassation and the Higher Court of Justice and their judicious and prompt application of the law.

In a letter addressed to the judges at both courts. Mr. Subcimat noted that 617 cases were referred to the two courts since last December, and most of them were swiftly adjudi-

Last month the Court of Cassation repealed a State Security Court verdict convicting eight Jordanians of charges ranging from plotting to assassinate His Majesty King Hussein to membership in an illegal organisation.

On March 13 the court cleared the defendants (including three who were sentenced to death) of all the charges and ordered their immediate release.

Last week, the Higher Court of Justice revoked a decision taken by the Director of the Press and Publications Department, Mohammad Amin, in February to suspend the Arabic weekly Hawadeth Al Sa'ah for failing to appoint a fully accredited chief editor.

The judges in the two courts have been conducting their daties promptly and safeguarding the public interest in line with directives from Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, said Mr. Suheimat, who heads both the Court of Cassarion and the Higher

Court of Justice. Within four months, the two courts were able to deal with all the cases referred to them as well as requests for the interpretation of laws, Mr. Subeimat

Australian senatorial team arrives for talks

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - President of the Australian Senate Michael Beahan Friday arrived in Amman via the King Hussein Bridge at the head of a delegation on a three-day visit to Jordan. Senator Beahan is scheduled to meet the speakers of Parliament Saturday and Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker on Sunday for talks on parliamentary cooperation and the Middle East peace process, accord-

ing to Australian embassy sources in Amman Friday. Senator Beahan, who was touring archaeological sites Friday, is expected to discuss

means of bolstering Jordanian-Australian relations, ... trade between the two countries and other relevant topics, according to the

SOURCES. Mr. Beahan, who is expected to leave Jordan Sunday evening, came from the occupied territories which were part of his tour of the region. He was welcomed at the bridge by members of the Iordanian Senate and local government officials.

His visit to Jordan follows that of Australian Minister of Trade Boh McMullan in Fehruary during which he inaugurated the Australian Trade Commission regional

QAF's Beit Al Bawadi unfolds spring exhibition

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - With a striking blend of tradition and modern design, the Queen Alia Fund for Social Development (QAF) opens its exhibition doors for the spring show of "Rugs and Ceramics."

The latest line of ceramics by QAF workshops in Amman and Wadi Musa draw on Islamic and. archaeological motifs. One of the new collections focuses on mosaic patterns conjuring images of Madaba's rich heritage.

In another display, terracotta, or unglazed red clay. incorporate touches of colour as well as Arabie calligraphy offering Koranie verses and modern geometric designs.

According to Maha Farraj Otaqui, manager of OAF's Beit Al Bawadi, Her Royal Highness Princess Basma took the initiative to establish the first QAF ceramics training centre in Amman. Since that time, the craft has enjoyed a revival and has advanced

significantly. "Each piece is not only uniquely styled, but has a utility as well," said Mrs. Farraj Otaqui, pointing to medium-size mosaic pot turned into an ornate table

Delighted by the immediate popularity of the mosaic collection, Mrs. Farraj Otaqui said, "There is even a lot of outside interest, and we are already getting orders from

abroad. The collection of mosaic ceramics also includes bowls, vases, ashtrays and

plates. While in the past, Jordanian crafts were purchased predominantly by tourists and foreigners resident in the Kingdom, the Beit Al Bawadi manager says this is

no longer the case. "Our crafts are oot only popular items for tourists. but local residents are interested in them as well."

The Bawadi exhibition is organised in cooperation with Haddad Furniture, Orient House and Bamboo House. Contributing furniture, haskets and shelves, the three companies have helped to give the exhibition a home-feel.

Across the showroom floor another collection features Petra pottery, a specialty of the QAF ceramic centre in Wadi Musa. Made of actual Petra clay,

the deep rose coloured ceramic pieces are copies of traditional pottery found in

the area. Rugs, another important income generating project of QAF, include natural soothing tones sure to compliment the decor of the modern Jordanian home. as well as more traditionally brightly coloured rugs splashed with reds, vellows and greens which have long been a favourite amongst the Kingdom's hedouin

tribes. Providing income for over 750 women from impoverished areas in Jordan. Bawadi rugs appeal to all tastes, and special orders can be made upon request.

"The rugs are produced in three major centres: the Madaba area, the Petra area and Karak, and in addition, a location in Mafraq is used as a dyeing centre," said Mrs. Farraj Otaqui, adding that training centres in these regions give semioars on an ongoing hasis to ethance the abilities of weavers, many of whom are women.

Ceramics and rugs are only a couple of the QAF projects established to provide much needed income to poor rural communities.



A rug from one of the Queen Alia Fund for Social Development income-generating projects.

Other ventures include embroidery, food and dairy processing plants, agri-cultural training and assist-

ance and children's clubs. Together these projects provide a source of revenue for roughly 4,000 Jorda-

The Bawadi exhibition centre is located behind the new QAF huilding on Medina Al Munawarra Street. The exhibit will run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. until

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Over 100 die in disastrous S. Korean subway gas blast

TAEGU, South Korea accounted for 99 dead and into the air before crashing (AFP) — A powerful gas explosion ripped through morning rush-hour in this southeastern city Friday, killing more than 100 people and injuring 190 in Sonth Korea's worst-ever peacetime hlast.

Anger and grief gripped the third largest city in the country, with bereaved families wailing outside mortuaries and angry residents cursing the lack of safety measures, an AFP journalist on the scene said.

More than half the dead were children on their way to school when the underground hlast occurred.

"I've never seen such a thing in my life. It's like a bombed-out war zone," a police spokesman told AFP

The 7:50 a.m. (2250 GMT, Thursday) explosion tore through a subway construction site at an intersection, tossing metal girders and plates into the air like matchsticks. They crushed passing vehicles packed with commu-

Taegu City authorities told journalists that nine hours after the hlast they had

190 injured. Fifty-three of them were school children.

But it was feared that the death toll would rise drastically as rescuers pumped out water gushing from a ruptured main and prepared to pull out more bodies from under mangled iron beams and plates.

Some 30 vehicles plunged into a yawning gap, left when the girders and plates covering the 600-metre-long span of temporary road, collapsed. A commuter hus fell in and was engulfed in flames with an unknown number of people trapped inside. A second crowded hus was crushed by falling steel.

The liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) hlast sent flames soaring into the sky, destroyed fonr huildings and damaged 10 other structures. More than 1,000 panicked residents fled, witnesses said.

The hlast uprooted 20 power-poles, triggering a black-out, while ruptured water mains flooded the site, hampering rescuers' efforts.

The explosion was so powerful that the girders and plates were tossed 50 metres down on buildings, cars and

Television reports said many of the hospitalised were in critical condition, and showed harrowing scenes of inconsolable mothers collapsing as their children's names were posted on morgue lists.

Police hlamed human error and said they suspected the explosion occurred when workers moving an excavator at a construction site accidentally ruputred a urban gas main, causing a leak which was ignited by a welding torch in the suhway.

"I was waiting for a green light at the interection when I heard a bang. I saw a cloud of dust rise and other cars hurled into the air. The next moment. I saw the driver in the car in front of me crushed to death under an iron beam," said a 31-year-old company employee, Lee Ju-

"I was arranging books on the shelf when I heard a bang and fainted. When I came to my senses, I saw a huge flame and hlack smoke billowing into the sky," a 51-year-old book store owner, Choi

cluding police and military

Byung-Gil, said.

Rescuers were seen pulling a bloodied body from a car crushed under mangled iron girders at the construction site, at the bottom of which charred bodies from a crumpled, incinerated hus were seen floating on waist-deep

Television showed dozens of toppled, crumpled and blackened vehicles littered around the scene with schoolbags and shoes in pools of

Taegu's Youngnam Middle School alone confirmed 10 dead and 91 students missing - 28 first graders, 34 second graders and 29 third graders.

Helicopters, construction workers, police and ambulances crowded the accident site, where hnrned and squashed cars looked as if they had been mashed by compacting machines.

Dozens of fire trucks and 300 rescuers were rushed to the scene hut it took half an hour for the first group, blocked by heavy traffic, to

Some 2,000 rescuers, in-



Police scramble to find victims among cars upturned by a violent explosion in a subway construction site under a husy thoroughfare in

Taegu City during the morning rush hour Friday (AFP photo)

troops, many of them stripped to the waist, used cranes and crowbars to reach the trapped victims.

The explosion was a second major blast in five months in Sonth Korea. An urban gas reservoir explosion in Seoul on Dec. 7 killed 12

and injured 65 others. Friday's hlast, which came two months ahead of crucial local elections, was expected to fuel criticism of the Presi-

dent Kim Young-Seam gov-

ernment, whose tenure has

been marred by a series of

urban accidents, including a commuter bridge collapse Oct. 26 that left 32 dead. Mr. Kim urgently sent Prime Minister Lee Hong-Koo, to Taegu and ordered

victims. The opposition hlamed the government's incompetence, calling for a thorough investigation and harsh punish-

menr for those responsible. Local press reports called the accident "one waiting to happen," hlaming it on reck-

less construction without

coordination among related government agencies and pri-

As a result, underground gas and water supply lines are an all-out effort to rescue often accidently ruptured. the newspapers charged.

> President Kim, stunned by the disastrous gas explosion in Taegu, Friday ordered emergency safety checks at construction sites and public facilities across South Korea, a spokesman said.

N. Korean diplomat repeats threat

SEOUL (AFP) — North Korea is threatening to partially "defrost" its suspect nuclear facilities even after it returns to the negotiating table with the United States, South Korea's Yonhap News

Agency said Friday.

The agency, in a dispatch from New York, quoted Minister Han Song-Ryol of the North's mission to the United Nations as saying in a telephone interview that the move would be made because Washington had not changed as position.

It was the second time in three days that Mr. Han had relayed the warning through the international press. The first warning was carried in an interview with the leading Tokyo daily, Yomiuri Shimbun, Tuesday.

North Korea had threatened to restart its nuclear programme, frozen since November 1994 under the terms of the October Geneva accord, if it had not reached an accord on safer replacement light-water reactors (LWRs) by April 21.

But technical-level talks in Berlin last week failed after North Korea refused to accept replacement reactors from South Korea, which is the only country that has offered to pay for them.

"We cannot continue the freeze on the nuclear facilities indefinitely, because the United States does not implement the promise to provide the light-water nuclear reac-Mr. Han was quoted by Yonhap as saying.

"Our position is that we will defrost our nuclear facilities partially even after highlevel talks resume since we do not expect anything particular from them (the U.S. side, which) has not shown any change in its position on

the type of LWR."
Yonhap quoted Mr. Han as saying he did not have details of the "defrost" programme or a timetable, but that it would involve seven major elements such as a five-megawatt reactor and a

Washington believes the five-megawatt reactors, if refuelled, could produce up to five hombs, and that the 'radio-chemical." laboratory

U.S. Amhassador-at Large Rohert Gallucci, who has asked the North Koreans to return to high-level talks in Geneva early in May, said there was no alternative to the South Korean reactor

models. South Korea is "the only place these reactors could

'What I don't want to hear any more from the North Koreans is, 'We would prefer... to have Russian reactors, to have French reactors, German reactors, anyone's reactors other than South Korea's," he told a Washing-

ton luncheon. Mr. Gallucci said he had received no reply to a proposal to hold new talks in Geneva on the agreement.

U.S. world leadership in peril —Clinton aide

WASHINGTON (R) — President Bill Clinton's national security adviser said isolationists were pushing America to "the brink of unilateral disagnament" in foreign affairs by pressing for deep cuts in foreign aid. In a tough speech at the

National Press Club, Anthony Lake, Mr. Clinton's senior foreign adviser, tried to focus public attention on what the administration sees as dangerous budget-cutting plans in the Republican-led

Some lawmakers say Americans want their hardearned tax dollars spent at home and seek to slash the proposed \$21 billion foreign affairs budget — about 1 per cent of the total U.S. budget - by \$1 billion or more.
"The United States could

be on the brink of unilateral of cuts in military spending but because "we are on the verge of throwing away --- or at least damaging - many of for peace."

ernment's purchase of the papers of his famous grand-father, saying be could have netted twice as much in a

Mr. Churchill said his

grandfather, the cigar-

smoking World War II lead-

er, was effectively bankrupt

when he put the papers in trust and had wanted his male

heirs to profit from them. The £12.5 million (\$20 mil-

lion) parchase prompted

charges of "sleaze" by the

Conservative government's

opponents but was staunchly

ended by Prime Minister

It later emerged the sale

did not include the papers'

An official at the National Heritage Memorial Fund,

which purchased the papers with funds raised by the new

National Lottery, told Reuters: 'The acquisition has not

Churchill family trustee

Ian Montrose said some

copyrights were still with the

family, some with the crown

and some with other parties.

The subject matter of the

Mark Fisher, arts spokes-

man for the opposition Labour Party, said this raised

even more urgent questions

"I find that an extraordin-

ary situation," Mr. Fisher

said. "Most people will have

understood that the £12.5

million was to purchase out-

right this important collection

Labour is also demanding a

study on whether any of the

as Churchill held various gov-

sale was the physical papers. It (the copyright) doesn't

concern the trustees."

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John Major.

the tools America has used for 50 years to maintain our leadership in the world," Mr. Lake said.

He said those tools include conventional foreign aid, aid to emerging markets, economic support for peace, international peacekeeping and programmes to fight drugs and terrorism.

Mr. Lake argued that U.S. presidents since Harry Tru-man in the 1940s and 1950s had had those tools, with broad bipartisan support, to win the cold war and achieve prosperity.
"Now that success is in

danger... Our policy of engagement in world affiars is under siege — and American leadership is in peril," he

He faulted "selfproclaimed devotees of democracy (who) ... laud American leadership hnt of coalitions... they praise peace but then they cut our help to those who take risks

China party approves Beijing chief's resignation

BELIING (R) - Beijing Communist Party chief Chen Xitong has resigned, accepting responsibility for a highlevel corruption scandal that has rocked China's capital.

Mr. Chen, 65, who is also a member of the powerful polithuro, China's top decision-making body, was replaced by fellow politburo member Wei Jianxing, Xinhua News Agency said

Mr. Chen, a former Beij-

ing mayor promoted to the politburo in 1992 for his hardline stand against students in the 1989 Tiananmen Square pro-democracy . demonstrations, has been at loggerheads with Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin for

Xinhua said the Communist Party Central Committee accepted Mr. Chen's resignation Thursday - only the second time a senior party official has reportedly stepped down voluntarily. "It is learned that Chen resigned because he has unshirkable responsibilities for Wang Baosen's case," it said.

Mr. Chen had been fighting for his political life, grabbing front-page headlines in the Beijing daily since Beij-ing Senior Vice Mayor Wang committed suicide on a remote suhurhan hillside on April 4 after coming under investigation for economic

The suicide of Mr. Wang, 60 — one of two executive vice mayors, chairman of the city planning commission and a former aide to Mr. Chen was only the second of a senior official since the purges of the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution.

The only previous case was of late party chief Hu Yaohang, who stepped down in January, 1987 over student

Japan soldiers punished for security leaks to cult

TOKYO (R) — A Japanese soldier was dismissed and another resigned from the army Friday after they leaked information to a religious cult about raids on the cult, the Defence Agency said.

The doomsday cult is being investigated over the Tokyo subway gas attack. Takahisa Shirai, a 25-year-

because of the leak and a separate count of misconduct. The other soldier, Shinya Asano, 26, also a sergeant, resigned after he was suspended for 30 days.

Both were members of a crack parachute regiment based in Chiba, a prefecture next to Tokyo, the Defence

day before the subway gas attacks, when an incendiary device was thrown at offices of the Aum Shinri Kyo (Supreme Truth) sect. It appeared to be an attempt to fake an

an incident on March 19, the

attack on the group. The leak was discovered through an Aum publication issued soon after the first which followed sarin nerve gas attacks on the Tokyo subway system that killed 12 people and injured more than

The publication mentioned that 400 troops were on alert in Chiba on March 22, saying the information had been obtained from media con-

McNamara: Kennedy would have avoided Vietnam War

BOSTON (R) — Former U.S. Defence Secretary Robert McNamara said he believes President John Kennedy would have withdrawn U.S. troops during the early stages of the Vietnam War

beaches" and, during the Battle of Britain, that "this

already owned. "There is no to purchase papers that are the property of the state," parliament.

"The archive as a whole includes state papers and personal papers, many of which have no connection whatsoever with Sir Winston's time in government. The personal papers could have been freely sold to any number of

Centre in Cambridge will own the papers. Piers Brandon, keeper of the Churchill pre-July 1945 documents. Archive Centre, said the papalready belongs to the nation, ers fall into three main categories - private family letters, documents Churchill produced as prime minister, and official documents he Paddy Ashdown said Churtook with him when he left chill would be "turning in his office.

reputation," he said. Mr. McNamara, promot-

had he lived.

Speaking at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, Mr. McNamara said the former president's early foreign policy hlunders in Cuha reinforced Kennedy's mind the necessity of

avoiding war.
"He had a tremendous sensitivity both to maintaining security and to avoiding war," Mr. McNamara said. "I think he would have withdrawn. I say that not to enhance President Kennedy's

ing his book in Retrospect: The Tragedy And Lessons Of Vietnam to a crowd of about 300, said his conclusions raise

a troubling question.
"Why didn't we withdraw? That's a terrible question to confront," he said.

Mr. McNamara, who came to symbolise the protracted, controversial conflict in his seven years as secretary of defence under Presidents Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, said he now believes the war which killed 58,000 Americans until the 1975 U.S. withdrawal was a tragic mistake.

· In the months before Kennedy's assassination in the

fall of 1963, the president expressed doubts the South Vietnamese could win the escalating war, and worried the United States could be dragged into the confronta-

tion, he said. Referring to his book, which he repeatedly urged the audience to read, Mr. McNamara matter-of-factly read through 11 lessons the war taught - the reasons he said he hroke his silence since leaving office in 1968.

Daring a question-andanswer session, several members of the audience congratulated him for finally admitting his and America's errors and asked him questions about dates and declas-

The anger over the Vietnam War that divided the United States during the late 1960s and early 1970s arose anew hriefly when the last questioner said, to applause, that Mr. McNamara was "inherently evil' and she still could not understand his long

"I didn't write the book for redemption. Only God can redeem me," Mr. MeNamara calmly answered. "As a people we've got to address the problem (of war), and I don't think we are doing it," he

"We were doing it, we were addressing the prob-lem," responded another

(AP) - A "cairteal punnid"

Gaelic

and "slisneagan" — a quar-ter-pounder and fries — are coming to the highlands as a new McDonald ontlet adopts Scots Gaelic. "We realised that a move to Fort William was taking us into the heart of the MacDonald clan country, hut I fear we will need some help with the transla-tions," McDonald's spokes-man Robert Parker said. The shop is expected to open next year in Fort William, some 500 miles (800 kilometres) northwest of London. It: would be the company's first outlet to adopt Scotland's ancient tongue. McDonald's hasn't worked out all the translations, hnt North Scorning translations, hnt North Scorning tish news Services, a local of the services news agency, snggested some possibilities: "Mac' Mor" (Big Mac), "burget caise" (cheesehurger) "spealtag eisg" (filet of fish) pai uhhal teth" (hot apple pie) and "Mac ceapaire isean" (mcchicken sand wich), and coca-cola (coca-

Poll: Some Italian ministry phones are 'dead ringers'

cola).

ROME (AP) — Patience virtue. It's also a necessity for people calling Italians hureaucrats. A poll by the Rome newspaper II Messaga gero found that callers to government ministries had to wait an average of 5.8 rings before they get an answer? The quickest answers were at the ministries of Public Inc. struction and Post and Tele ... ministries, which did not to spond after 13 rings and then

Sri Lanka rebels hit army camp; 25 killed

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Tamil rehels Friday responded to a military onslaught against them by launching a major assault on an army camp in northern Sri Lanka, killing at least 20 sol-diers and losing five of their own fighters, officials said. Liberation Tigers of Tamil

Eelam (LTTE) guerrillas staged the pre-dawn attack on the Araly Point army camp on government-held Kayts Islet, just off the rebel-controlled Jaffna peninsula, after arriving there in small boats, officials said.

"It was an infiltration by sea. We have suffered 20 dead, including an officer, and 14 wounded," a military official said, adding that at least five of the attackers were killed.

The rebels used rocketpropelled grenades, small arms and hand grenades to launch the attack, which came hours after the military destroyed two Tamil rebelbases in northern Vavuniya, killing at least 18 LTTE

Three soldiers were also killed in that military offen-

Chief military spokesman, Brigadier Sarath Munasinghe said a policeman was killed and another two were seriously wounded in another incident when Tiger rebels attacked a police station in

eastern Vavunativu Friday. In another separate attack, a stalwart of President Chandrika Kumaratunga's Sri Lanka Freedom Party was shot dead hy gunmen in Colombo Friday, police said, adding that they were prob-

The LTTE has been hlamed for similar political killings of rival Tamils in the city in the past. The slaying in the capital of

ing the slaying, which came

despite tight security.

Kumaraswamy Vinothan from the minority Tamil community - raised the death toll of violence over 24 hours, to a total of 27, officials said. During the attack on Araly Point, LTTE guerrillas staged a diversion by laun-

ching a mortar harrage on the

main Palay military complex on the Jaffna peninsula, officials said. However, troops did not suffer casualties in the rebel fire on the base, officials said. The clandestine LTTE

radio station described the Araly Point attack as "a major success," referring to it as the "third major attack" on security forces since the LTTE ended a three-monthold truce with the authorities on April 19, to renew its' separatist campaign.

"It was a major success. A lot of arms were captured from Araly Point. A one and half mile hunker line was destroyed," Tamil sources quoted the Voice of Tigers radio as saying.

The Tigers had earlier blown up two navy vessels. killing 12 sailors and overrun an army camp in the east, killing 29 soldiers. The fresh fighting raised to 114 the number of people killed since renewed fighting

northeast nine days ago. Among the dead were 70 security personnel, according to official figures. The Araly Point army camp on the Kayts Islet is one of the few military facilities

located close to LTTE-held

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The islet itself is run jointly by security forces and a progovernment militia of the Eelam People's Democratic Party (EPDP). EPDP leader, Douglas De-

vananda said his men were in charge of one section of the islet and "far away" from the army camp. Mr. Devanada said he was

"fed-up" with the current situation and warned that he would disband his militia if the government did not put forward a political package to resolve the ethnic conflict.

side a railway station here

demanding an end to-

The upsurge in violence came as dozens of peace activists demonstrated out-

ethnic-bloodletting. President Kumaratunga Thursday told a meeting of Sri Lanka's aid donors in Paris that her government was committed to the peace process despite the LTTE's unilateral decision to end the

The LTTE is seeking to carve out an independent homeland in the northeast called Eelam for Sri Lanka's two million Tamils. More than 30,000 have died in the past two decades in the protracted ethnic conflict.

48 die in plane crash

A plane belonging to the Sri Lankan Air Force carrying troops going on leave from northern Jaffna province crashed Friday killing all 48 people on board, the military said.

The pilot had radioed in saying one of the wings had caught fire and the military said it had ruled out the possibility of a rebel attack. The crash happened at Palaly military base in the northern rehel-held Jaffna

The passengers, all military personnel, were on their way to Colombo for leave, the military said.

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Political storm rages over

buying his state papers.
The Daily Mirror echoing a famous Churchill speech - said "never has so much been paid by so many

to so few. Many ordinary Britons were adamant the money set aside for 'good causes' could have been put to better

Winston Churchill, the grandson, said that if the family and trustees had wanted to sell on the open market, they could have fetched £25 million (\$40.42

million). He said his grandfather put them in trust for the benefit of male heirs in 1946 when "he had little more to his name than the suit he was standing up in, apart from copyright, allowing the fami-

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Workers examine bounts around a mass grave at the Kibeho refuge camp to count the dead following the massacre of Hutu refuges alegedly committed by the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan gray. The Ewandan government has put the toll at 338 but the independent commission will investigate the ma

Rwanda siege continues as cholera risk rises

KIGALI (AFP) — Troops of all homanitarian organisa-Rwanda's Tutsi-dominated army continued their siege of In Geveva, U.N. spokeshold-outs at the Kibeho diswoman Therese Gastaut said placed persons' camp in Friday that "some displaced southwest Rwanda Friday a people want to be certain that week after massacring they will be welcomed under good conditions in their nathousands of refugees there. The hard-core Hintus, ustive villages and two envoys ing women and some 500 have gone with some of them to these villages to report back on the situations." children as a human shield.

are holed up in what was once a school and then be-In some 15 districts where people are due to go home, "there are now 24 U.N. hucame a camp hospital. They are surrounded by man rights mission agents, of decomposing corpses, filth. whom 12 have been made and human excrement, and a oumber are wounded. available by the European Union," she added. The soldiers are refusing to

allow relief agencies to feed Aldo Ajello, a special envoy representing U.N. them, and Samantha Bolton, spokeswoman for Medecins Secretary General Boutros Ghali meanwhile arrived in Sans Frontieres (Doctors Kigali Friday and was due to Without Borders) warned Friday that the risk of a visit the camp later in the cholera epidemic was increas-

He is here to gather firsthand information and meet Rwanda's president, vice president and prime minister, said U.N. spokesman Ismael Diallo.

babies likely to die first. Ajello arrived with a mes-The International Committee of the Red Cross was Vicinity Re tee of the Red Cross was sage for the government from Dr. Ghali which sources said Hutus Thursday, but it was stern. The 15-nation appeared Friday that the U.N. Security Council condearmy was refusing access to mned the massacre, along with

governments worldwide. Relief workers were mean-

while questioning the role of the 5,500-strong U.N. force in Rwanda, whose Australian and Zamhian soldiers stood hy as the Tutsi troops used mortars, machioeguos. rocket-propelled grenades. rifles and bayonets against the stampeding refugees, many of them women and children, or elderly, who were either trying to break through their lines or running

downpour. The Australian troops later counted more than 4,000 corpses - then stopped counting to help the wounded, but their count was revised down to 2,000 hy the U.N. Assistance Mission In Rwanda (UNAMIR).

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An international commission of inquiry is to investigate the massacre and exhume bodies for a definitive count. More than 300 - the total claimed by the government to have been killed were dug up Thursday when President Pasteur Bizimungu visited the camp.

Diallo said that on Saturday the Zambian contingent radioed to the UNAMIR commander, Major General Guy Tousignant of Canada,

for instructions.

He asked if they were themselves under fire, Mr. Diallo said. The Zambians replied that they were not, so the geoeral ordered them "not to return the fire."

The Rwandan army would not have allowed the blue helmets to return to the camp if they had left it at that stage, so they decided to stay, Mr. Diallo said.

Observers noted that the U.N. troops also stood hy during last year's civil war, making no effort to save more than 500,000 men, women and children slaughtered by extremist Hutus using machetes and mattocks as well as rifles and grenades.

All 250,000 Hutus who had been living in nine displaced persons camps in the southwest since the end of the war last July have been evicted since last weekend.

Most have returned to their home villages, but a number have been killed oo arrival and many have been stoned, beaten and thrown into village lock-nps. Others are hiding in the

Russian, Chechen commanders set for talks as fighting rages on

MOSCOW (AFP) — Russian and Chechen military commanders were set to hold talks Friday as fighting raged on in the breakaway Chechenya Republic despite a unilateral ceasefire

announced by Moscow. Russian Defence Minister Pavel Grachev said Chechen eparatists opened fire on Russian troops in two areas of Chechenya overnight, killing one soldier and injuring seven others, Interfax News Agency reported. The Russian forces re-

turned fire.

In the event of shooong. federal troops will immediately ocutralise the positions concerned with artil-" a Defence Ministry spokesman warned.

In a decree issued Thursday President Boris Yeltsin announced that a 14-day ceasefire would take effect in Chechenya from midnight on April 27 until midnight on It was timed to coincide

with Moscow's World War II victory commemorations in a bid to appease world leaders due to attend the ceremonies. But Gen. Grachev said some rebel units were probably unaware of Mr. Yeltsin's

of them. moratorium and Russian

army representatives were contacting Chechen military commanders.

Field commanders from both sides were due to meet Friday in the eastern Chechen village of Novy Atagi to discuss Moscow's cease-

The Chechens were to be represented by their chief of staff, Aslan Maskhadov and the Russian by General Gennady Troshev.

Moscow has ruled out talks with Chechen separatist leader Dzhokhar Dudayev, whose independence hid triggered the massive Russian military assault on the mainly Muslim republic on Dec. 11.

In western Chechenya, Russian artillery pounded three rebel-held villages almost without a break early Friday, an AFP correspondent in the region reported. Russian long-range guns opened up on the villages of Bamut, Stary Achkhoi and

Yandi Thursday in the evening and kept firing all night. Meanwhile, Interfax News Agency reported that Chechen separatists opened fire on Russian troops in the southeastern village of Nozhai-Yurt, wounding four

Frequent heavy machine-

gun fire could also he heard along the front.

Russian intelligence sources cited by Interfax said rebels were massing in southeastern Chechenya, including foreign mercenanics."

Several local Chechen leaders said they would not abide by the Russian moratorium and Gen. Grachev warned of "massive" reprisal if the ceasefire was not observed.

Observers said Yeltsin's announcement was aimed at sparing world leaders attending the World War II anniversary ceremonies the embarrassment of appearing to endorse a war that has been condemned across the globe while commemorating the end of another hrutal conflict.

The May 9 ceremonies are to be attended by more than 50 world leaders including U.S. President Bill Clinton, French President François Mitterrand, British Prime Minister John Major and German Chancellor Helmut

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sin had a 30-minute telephone conversation Thursday, in which they tried to smooth over their differ- fugees.

ences. (see story below) Mr. Clinton earlier held a 10-minute meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev at the White House in an effort to avoid frictions at a May 9-10 summit meet-

ing in Moscow. The brother of a U.S. relief worker who disappeared in Chechenya on April 9 said Friday he would visit the region with U.S. diplomats in a

bid to clear up the mystery. hris Cuny said there was still no indication of the whereahouts of his brother Frederic, 50, who was on a fact-finding mission on the refugee problem in Chechenya when he last contacted his employer, the Soros Foundacion, on April

There was no news either about the five people who were accompanying Frederic Cuny - an interpreter, two Russin scientific researchers and two Red Cross workers. Yuri Mikhailov, a senior

Russian official responsible for reconstruction in Chechenya, told Interfax Friday the population of the devastated Chechen capital Grozny now stood at 250,000 following the return of re-

Clinton, Yeltsin seek common ground before summit

WASHINGTON (AFP) -The U.S. and Russian presidents are seeking common ground two weeks ahead of their Moscow summit, which Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev predicted will have a "constructive outcome."

U.S. President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin had a 30-minute telephone conversation Thursday, in which they tried to smooth over their differ-

Relations between the United States have been strained over the U.S.-led plan to expand the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) eastward to include several former East Bloc countries, Moscow's sale of a nuclear reactor to Iran and the military crackdown in Chechenya.

There are some important

Socialist Lionel Jospin.

for the Elysee Palace.

problems," Coit Blacker, a nacional security official, told reporters following the phone conversation between Mr. Clinton and Mr. Yeltsin.

"The president took advantage of this time on the phone with President Yeltsin to raise a number of issues and to underscore the importance of working this through," he said. Mr. Clinton earlier held a

10-minute meeting with Mr. Kozyrev at the White House in an effort to avoid frictions at the May 9-10 summit meeting.

Mr. Kozyrev avoided reporters after the meeting, but said in an interview in Friday's Washington Post that his talks Wednesday with U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher had paved the way for a "constructive putcome" on the NATO

In protest over U.S. plans to gradually expand NATO to include Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, Moscow in December declined to join a military cooperation programme between NATO and former Warsaw Pact members known as the

Partnership for Peace. Mr. Blacker told journalists that the U.S. had hopes the Russians "will move to a point" where they can participate in the partnership. Moscow has argued that

NATO's enlargement would pose a threat to its security and has warned it would reconsider commitments under the 1990 treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) as a consequ-

Mr. Kozyrev told the Post that there were still disagreements over NATO expansion, hut that there was a

"good chance" that Mr. Clinton and Mr. Yeltsin would be able to address the subject in "a constructive way."

As the two presidents spoke Thursday, the Kremlin announced a ceasefire in Chechenya as of April 28 until May 11, a move welcomed by the administration as a positive step towards restoring peace in the northern Caucasus,

"We certainly welcome it as a step toward a larger process. It is a very helpful step at this point," Mr. Blacker said.

The Clinton-Yeltsin talks gave the administration an opportunity to review the list of contentious issues facing US-Russian relations and which could potentially embarass Mr. Clinton, who has steadfastly supported Mr. Yeltsin, at the summit.

Philippine rebels launch second major raid

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AFP) — Islamic rehels attacked a southern town Friday during a visit to the re-The contract of gioo by President Fidel Ramos, who said that peace talks were still on track but had oo comment on the latest

Without food, and only

rain-water to drink, the re-

fugees risk death hy starva-

tion, with the elderly and the

There were different casualty reports from the Abu Sayyaf attack on the town of Tungawan, about 760 kilometres south of Manila.

The Criminal Intelligence Service (CIS) here said six civilians, two soldiers and two rebels were killed while Philippine Marines intelligence sources said six rebels and two soldiers were slain.

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gunmen attacked one section of the Tungawan town centre shortly past uoon, according to police in the nearby town of Ipil, which was itself sacked by Ahu Sayyaf guerrillas on April 4. The CIS regional chief,

The attack was the second Senior inspector Willy Tan-gane, told reporters he had track. in four weeks and has cast a dark cloud on peace talks yet to receive a second conbetween the government and firmation of the police reanother group of Muslim Mr. Ramos, who was visit-

ing Davao City in another part of the southern Philippines, made no reference to the Tungawan raid Friday and stressed at a news conference beamed on radio nationwide that peace talks with the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) remaioed on

The president said the military was capable of crushing Ahu Sayyaf.

HANOI (R) - Vietnam President le Duc Anh Friday hailed the "great victory over U.S. aggression" earth," Mr. Anh wrote in the Communist party daily news-paper Nhan Dan Friday. U.S. aggression" and top But Mr. Anh quickly leaders paid tribute to veter-ans of wars against the Freech. Americans and struck a benevolent line, saying tolerance was also a factor of strength in Viet-Chioese to mark Sunday's nam's effort to put the past 20th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. behind it and strive towards development and prosperity.

"Defeating the aggressive "While the pain and sufferar of U.S. imperialists ... ing from the U.S. aggressive was a great victory ... our people had to confront the most powerful according war still hurdens the life of our whole nation, our govmost powerful aggressors on ernment and people, with

Vietnam hails victory over U.S.; honours veterans goodwill and sincerity, are helping the search for Amer-

ican servicemen missing in

the war," he added. "The humiliation of being impoverished, backward and left behind hy other nations is no less than the humiliation of losing the country and being enslaed," Mr. Anh.

Washington, which hacked South Vietnam during the war that claimed the lives of three million Vietnamese soldiers and civilians and 58,000 U.S. troops, set up formal ties with Vietnam last January hy setting up a liaison

top national priority and progress will help determine the pace of normalising rela-

office in Hanoi. who remained non-partisan throughout the months of di-But U.S. President Bill vision between Mr. Chirac Clinton has said a full and Premier Edouard Ballaaccounting for more than 2,000 U.S. servicemen listed dur, will join thousands of as missing in Indochina is a

supporters in the grounds of the Bagatelle Palace in the Bois de Boulogne, west of Paris. Participants will even intions with Hanoi. clude die-hard Balladur minister Francois Leotard, while Mr. Balladur's campaign spokesman, who has spent much of the last six

months attacking Mr. Chirac, will also be there. But the most welcome guest at the meeting will undoubtedly be Mr. Balladur himself, eliminated in last Sunday's first round of hallots to choose a successor to

President François Mitter-

rand. For it is his voters that Mr. Chirac, bidding for the French presidency for the third time, must win over to ensure his victory in next Sunday's head-to-head second round.

The two men, whom Mr. Chirac once described as "friends of 30 years," have been staging a tantalising political dance with eachother all week, after Mr. Balladur was knocked out of the contest. The Gaullist premier has

publicly urged his supporters - who formed nearly 19 per cent of the vote in the first round — to switch to Mr. Chirac next Sunday to ensure that Mr. Chirac is not beaten hy a Socialist for the third time in a row.

men ended in dismal failure



French Socialist presidential candidate Lionel Jospin is mobbed by supporters as he arrives for a campaign rally in Marseille. Mr. Jospin

will face neo-Gaullist Jacques Chirac in the second run-off round of the presidential election May 7 (AFP photo)

during the week, with Mr. Balladur repairing to lick his wounds in the Alpine resort of Chamonix.

The Saturday rally will be the occasion of their reconciliation after months of bitter rivalry between them over the presidency. One picture of Mr. Chirac shaking hands with Mr. Balladur could be worth a thousand, nay a million votes.

Observers agree that the unity symbolised by the rally is essential if the right is to

Mr. Chirae's right-hand man, National Assembly speaker Philippe Seguin, said earlier in the week that it was quite possible for Mr. Jospin to win on May 7," if the right does not do what is required and rally behind Mr. Chirac.

Mr. Sarkozy said Thursday that French right had to attend in force to show there was "no hitterness" between the former rivals.

"We believe that the possihility of a third Socialist seven-year term is enough of a danger that we will be at the meeting on Saturday... to show that there are no second thoughts, no bitterness, hut simply a desire to fight Lionel

Jospin," he said. Although Mr. Balladur will undoubtedly turn up at the Saturday rally, the terms of his participation are far from

Government sources indicate that Mr. Balladur may attempt to pull the same trick at the rally as he tried and failed to do with the tete-atete meeting Wednesday: To turn up with his ministers and bid to npstage Mr. Chirac. Speculation is rife as to

this. Some suggest he may insist on the precise terms of Mr. Balladur's participation at the meeting. The fears come as Mr. Jospin, who scored a shock victory in the first round of

how Mr. Chirac will counter

balloling last weekend, con-tinues his high-profile campaign to cause a similar upset on May 7. Mr. Jospin campaign spokesman Jean-Christophe Cambadelis poured scorn Friday on the weekend rally,

Balladur were just playing for the cameras. "Having gone off and sulked in Chamonix, having seen that they still have their differences, they will get together for the afternoon to have their photo taken," he

saying Mr. Chirac and Mr.

Mr. Jospin said Friday he would not name his prime minister until after he won France's May 7 presidential election but praised former European Commission President Jacques Delors for the

"In the matter of Jacques

Delors, I am very happy that he has recently expressed the idea that he was available." Mr. Jospin said on RTL Radio. "This is a man for whom the French people have enormous respect, even admiration, and I think this is a man who could contribute

significantly to his country." The privilege... of naming a prime minister belongs to the president of the republic. It does not belong to a candidate for the presidency," Mr. Jospin said, ruling out disclosing his choice for the 10p joh in his cahinet until after

he won the run-off hallot. Some Socialist leader have said naming Mr. Delors premier would give a muchneeded hoost to the Socialists's campaign and soothe financial market wornes over Mr. Jospin's elec-

Mr. Delors Wednesday left the door open to serving under Mr. Jospin but said he was not eager for the joh.

Mr. Jospin denied Friday a report that he plans to introduce new electoral rules favourable to small parties such as the far-right National Front if he is elected in May 7 presidential elections.

Mr. Jospin told French radio that he could not and would not change electoral rules so rapidly - although he confirmed that he would dissolve parliament "very quickly" if elected.

Bosnia tense as contact group gathers in Paris

SARAJEVO (AFP) — Tension mounted in Bosnia Friday with heavy machine-gun duels overoight round Sarajevo as "contact group" officials gathered officials gathered in Paris to discuss a truce due to expire lavis. in three days and fears rose of full-scale war.

Western and U.N. officials here said there is little room Poll: Some item Paris and the key decision poll: Some wards and the key decision of the truce ministry ring Belgrade.

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The Western powers in the profive-nation contact group made up of Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States — have for months been pressing Ser-Milosevic to agree to recogassevic to agree to recognise the state of Bosnia-Hergovina.
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see of Sarajevo and agree an international peace plan leady accepted by the Bosians.

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hreakthrough, UNPROFOR civilian spokesman Alexander Ivanko said Thursday we see a slippage towards full-scale war" in ex-Yugos-

"The situation (round Sarajevo) was rather tense overnight," U.N. Protection Force spokesman Major Pierre Chavancy said Friday.

There was "heavy machine-gun duelling around the Jewish Cemetery" on the left bank of the Miljacka River that runs through the Bosnian capital, he said. Mortars slammed into several suburbs and over 120

heavy machine-gun rounds impacted on the "logistics route" out of the city over Mount Igman — the sole route out of the city with the airport closed by Bosnian Serbs to almost all traffic. Shelling was also reported hy Sarajevo Radio against the Central town of Visoko

come under fire from Croat Ahead of talks expected here at the weekend, U.N. Bosnia Commander General

and near Bihac in the north-

west while Serb Radio said

Glamoc in the southwest had

Rupert Smith flew to Split, Croatia, Friday for discussions with U.N. special envoy

Yasushi Akashi. The U.N. estimates that the "ceasefire," negotiated last December, helped limit the scale of fighting in January and February though some analysts think that the fall in fighting was more the result of both sides pausing for winter and to restructure their forces rather than any

agreement. Both sides have since mid-March repeatedly violated the agreement, the Bosnians mounting two offensives on March 20 and the Serbs stepping up shelling of cities including Sarajevo.

Western diplomats in Paris Thursday cautiously specu-lated that Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic might now be prepared to recognise Bosnia-Hercegovina without - as he has so far demanded - the lifting of all international sanctions against his government.

Serh forces, who have laid

siege to Sarajevo for three

years, have recently imposed

crippling restrictions on U.N.

operations across the country

ahead of the negotiations. Heavy weapons supposedly under U.N. guard have been recuperated and used. - Among the wounded

Thursday, was a Scottish aid worker for Edinburgh Direct Aid, hit in the chest as he was entering Sasrajevo over the Mount Igman road as part of a humanitarian convoy. Denis Rutovitz, 66, was flown out of Sarajevo early Friday and his life was not in

danger, officials said. Mr. Ivanko condemned the incident saying it was a "cowardly... unprovoked and ohnoxious" attack on a civilian convoy. The U.N. was considering the "appropriate" response, he said.

"precipitate" action would be taken at the risk of upsetting the ceasefire talks. Meanwhile the U.N. Security Council members agreed Thursday on a draft resolution reducing the num-ber of U.N. peacekeepers in Croatia and approving

arrangements for im-

plemening the force's man-

A U.N. officials said off

the record it was unlikely any

But an attempt to hold a meeting between the two

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Land at expense of peace

THE RECENT Israeli decision to expropriate 530 dunums of Palestinian land in the villages of Beit Hanina, Al Malha and Beit Safafa comes on the heels of similar seizures in and around East Jerusalem in the past few months. Earlier this year, the Israeli government approved plans to build more than 3,000 additional homes on Arab land in the north, south and east of Jerusalem in yet another bid to tighten its grip on the city.

The message as we see it from this determined Israeli policy is that Israel will continue the path of creating facts on the ground till there is nothing left to negotiate about between the Jewish state and the Palestinian National Authority, especially on Jerusalem. The Rabin government obviously aims to seal the future of the Holy City, including the Arab side of it, well in advance of the final phase of Palestinian-Israeli peace talks. What the Israeli prime minister does not seem to comprehend is that these tactics would not lend support to the ongoing efforts to consolidate and build the peace that we have strived so long to achieve.

Jordanian Ambassador to Israel Marwan Muasher has explained to Israeli audiences recently Jordanian-Israeli relations could not improve, at least on the popular level, unless there is parallel advancement on the Palestinian and Syrian tracks.

Even though we do not expect the Israeli government to heed these sensible warnings, we can only serve notice that there is no way that Arab-Israeli ties can take on substance as long as the Labour-led government keeps on playing a dangerous game when it comes to the future of East Jerusalem and the rest of the occupied Palestinian territories in general. It is bad enough that the fate of Arab Jerusalem cannot be determined till after the Israeli national elections in 1996 which the Likud party may win. To jeopardise the future of the occupied territories even further by expropriating more Palestinian lands would simply make a mockery of the whole peace-making process.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'1 Arabie daily commented on the meeting in Tunis between the prime minister of Jordan and Tunisia saying that it represented a true manifestation of bow inter-Arab cooperation and joint Arab action can be. Indeed, said the paper, the creation of the joint committee co-chaired by the prime ministers of the two countries reflects a desire towards economic integration at a time when the world witnesses the emergence of various economic blocs that cooperate closely with the purpose of maximising benefits and protecting their interests. Now that the Arab states have entered the peace era in the wake of the cold war, it is incumbent on them to unify their efforts and pool their resources towards creating a very powerful economic bloc which can protect pan-Arab interests, the paper said. Stressing that inter-Arab political differences should be put aside, the paper said that the Arab peoples are more concerned with achieving socio-economic development than remaining bostage to the political issues and differences that divide the Arab Nation. Should the Arabs fail to achieve some kind of solidarity and join their efforts to cater to the requirements of the modern world, they will no doubt remain under the influence of others and will have to accept what other nations decide for them, warned the Jordanian Perspective

Time to work with vigour to reap benefits of peace [1]

THE THREE-DAY symposium beld in Amman last week on the multi-billion dollar development programme for the Jordan Rift Valley was the most tangible evidence yet of the potential fruits of peace that the region could enjoy after Jordan and Israel signed a peace treaty in October.

For one thing, the discussions during the symposium not only dealt with the technical aspects of developing the Jordan Rift Valley and the economic potential in the area shared by Jordan and Israel but also brought out possibilities of financing projects.

For Jordanians who have been seeing a lot of conferences and meetings but little in terms of projects materialising six months after the signing of the peace treaty, the focus that the symposium provided on the crucial question of financing was a watershed.

The various options reviewed at the gathering underlined the fact that financing is available for Jordan Rift Valley development if the Jordanian and Israeli governments were politically committed to economic liberalisation and free

Simply put, it meant that if the two governments would belp establish the economic viability of projects, would ease and amend restrictive laws and regulations, provide basic infrastructure services, and leave the private sector alone to operate the projects with iron-clad guarantees that the situation would not be reversed at the whims and fancies of anyone, then businessmen are ready to seriously consider investing in the Jordan Rift Valley.

Indeed, the mindset of the two governments to bring about the precise kind of climate and do whatever is possible to encourage the private sector was clearly established by the presence at the symposium of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Israeli Foreign Minis-

As such, there was no ambiguity over the political will and determination in Jordan and Israel to meet the

But was that enough? Are there enough willpower. flexibility, and the much-too-important awareness among Jordanian bureaucrats of the importance of the current

Indeed, the government could hand down strict instructions to every bureaucrat at every level to ensure that everything is done to encourage the private sector, both local and foreign. But that does not mean that some of our civil servants would carry them out.

One of the means is well-focused training and orientation courses to ensure that the civil servants not only adjust themselves to the fast-changing atmosphere in the nature of their work - and accept that they are there to serve people rather than to make things difficult for the citizens - but also help along the process with all sincerity and under-

It might look silly for someone who has served in a government department for 20 years to undergo a refresher course, but it is precisely the fact that he or she had been there for 20 years that warrants a reorientation.

They have to realise that the country that we live in is no longer the Jordan of the 60s, 70s or 80s, and that there is a revolutionary shift in our approach to business and market economy to adjust ourselves to the requirements of the era. Instead of continuing to be indifferent to anybody and

everybody that turns up the windows of our government departments and behave as if their task is to make things difficult for the public, our civil servants should understand that their job on their side of the window is to serve the

Of course, it means a 180 degree turn for many who believe that their job is read newspapers and sip coffees at their government tables while papers pile up around them. And this transformation could be difficult, but it has to be done, and done quickly.

That is not to downplay the efficiency of some of our government officials. In fact, Jordan ranks somewhere in

the middle of government efficiency when compared with most other countries with similar features. But that is not simply enough.

Our leadership has taken very courageous steps, the people are expectant, and the world is slowly but surely closing in with an open mind whether the right ingredients exist in the area for investments. We cannot afford to wait any longer, take our own time bringing about changes and pursue the same old discouraging approach if we are to rise to the challenges of the day and make our country naturally receptive to investments and free market economy,

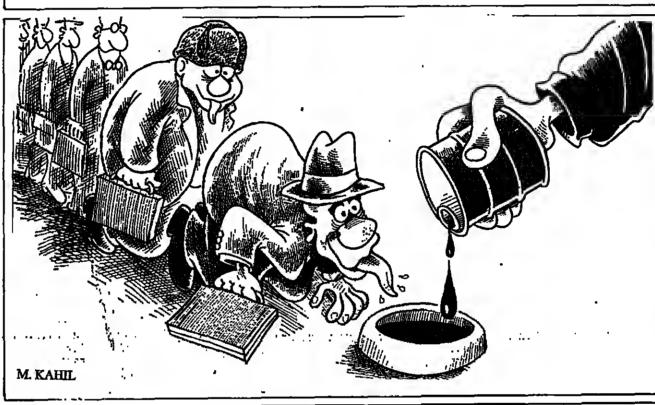
Our civil servants - who are from among us indeed owe it not only to the general public but themselves to get their act together and improve their efficiency. Jordan is moving in a totally new direction towards what could be prosperity and fruits of peace if we Jordanians appreciate and realise what we have to do in the bargain.

Expecting our leadership to deliver the benefits of peace in a silver platter is not realistic. We have to play our own roles and play those roles well.

But it is important to know that those roles are, and here is where the government could do a lot through intense inter-departmental conferences and meetings away from the public eye. The public have had enough of those.

The message should be simple and clear: Jordan is entering a new era, and it is time to shed decades-old apathy and work with vigour to ensure that we reap the benefits of peace and stability. Those who still believe in waiting for the benefits of peace to come to them should simply get up and leave to make room for

others who are willing to work and devote themselves. Harsh as it may sound, it is the reality. It is not simply a question of someone not doing bis or ber job; it is a question of not allowing some who do not do their jobs well to let down the hopes and aspirations of our people at



Israeli confiscation of occupied Arab lands undermines peace process

Reviewed by Elia Nasrallah

THE ARABIC newspapers last week gave prominence to Israel's confiscation of Arab-owned land in Palestine, the peace process in the light of the Israeli-Arab meetings to discuss economic development, repercussions on the Oklahoma bombing and a host of domestic issues.

Israel's confiscation of Arab lands around East Jerusalem for the purpose of building settlements by Al Dustour daily which said that the latest reports. about the Israeli moves were bound to undermine the whole peace process. The Israelis chose this particular moment in which the Palestinian-Israeli negotiations are stalled and when tension is rising to declare the new plans about confiscating more Arab lands, noted the daily. This is an outrageous provoca-tion of Arab people's feelings and a disregard to U.N. resolutions and the peace process itself, said the paper. How can the Israelis expect the Arabs to accept any normalisation of relations with them at a time when they continue their aggression and hold on to their policies of Judaising Arab territory?

The paper asked. Mahmoud Rimawi, a columnist for Al Ra'i daily, stressed the importance of the economic dimension in the peace process but he said that without tackling the core of the conflict and without solving political matters, the economic projects remain futile. The writer referred to the economic meetings between Israelis and Jordanians in Amman last week and said such meetings were premature because the Arab masses expect a solution of the occupation question first and an end to Jewish settlement on Arab lands before turning their attention to economic development projects involving Arabs

and Israelis. Talking about joint projects now is like discussing the provision of new furniture for a bouse which has not yet been constructed, said the writer. Al Aswaq daily said in an

editorial that the Israeli foreign minister, Shimon Peres, avoided committing Israel to any solution concerning refugees or the progress on the Palestinian-Israeli track when he faced jonrnalists in Amman last week. The Israeli minister used diplomatic language and declined to discuss steps demanded by the Arabs to ensure the success of the peace process and instead concentrated bis attention on regional development, said the paper. Without minimising the importance of such plans for the region, the Arabs want to see the basic requirements for security. justice and stability being considered before entering the next phase of joint ventures.

Sultan Al Hattab, a writer for Al Ra'i, demanded that the Europeans be directly involved in the Middle East peace process since they are partners in financing the projects being contemplated or planned for the region. The Israelis and the Americans are monopolising discussion about plans for the development of the Jordan Rift Valley as they want to maintain hegemony on the region, but the time has come for the Arab parties to demand that Europe take a leading role in this matter and other aspects of the peace process because it is the Arabs' interest that the Europeans get involved, said the writer. He said this should be the Arab side's endeavour at present while the preparations for the coming Amman economic conference

Yasser Za'atreh, writer for Al Dustour, warned of an impending civil war in

Palestine National Anthority's demand that Hamas and the other opposition groups comply with conditions imposed by the Israelis. Dialogue between the various factions should be continued and the views of the opposition should be taken into consideration, demanded the Islamist writer who said that the campaign of arrests against the opposition should be terminated. The Palestinian people refuse to see bundreds of the opposition elements rotting in jail, their arms collected and Israel's desires fulfilled. Referring to the Oklaho-

ma bombing tragedy, Taher Adwan, a columnist for Al Dustour, said the time has come for the Arab Nation to raise the slogan of "we are hostile to those declaring enmity towards the Arabs and friends of those who seek our friendship." Following the Oklaboma blast the Arabs and Muslims inside the United States have been subjected to an open campaign of hostility that manifested batred and malice buried deep in the hearts of the Americans, despite the fact that the perpetrators of the bombing have been discovered said the writer. The fate of millions of Arabs living in the United States is endangered as the Zionists continue to paint a picture of Arabs and Muslims as terrorists, warned the writer, who demanded that the Arab governments take a unified action to protect them and to launch a diplomatic offensive aimed at safeguarding Arab in-

His colleague in Al Dustour Mobammad Kawash dwelt on the same theme and charged that terrorism is an Israeli industry as was manifested in Israel's practices against the Palestimians. Criticising the West-ern media for trying to blame the Arabs and Muslims for any terrorist acts like that of Oklahoma, the

writer said the U.S. government was orchestrating the campaign against the Arabs although it realises that its support for Israel is bound to create enemies for the United States in this region. The U.S. also knows that it is the Zionists and the extremists in the United States itself who are carrying out terrorist activities. The time bas come for the U.S. administration to realise that its own domestic policies are fuelling terrorism inside the United States itself.

Samih Ma'aitah, a columnist for Al Dustour, criticised the United States for allowing a campaign against the Arabs and Muslims to continue. Washington is allowing Zionist organisations in the United States to point accusing fingers at the Arabs and Muslims and this is a dangerous policy that foments civil strife and one that destabilises the communities living in the country. Furtbermore, the writer said, weaknesses in Arab information services had opened the door for such hostile campaigns against the Arabs and Muslims and contributed indirectly to the escalation of Zionist campaigns against the

Hilmi Al Asmar, editor of the Islamist Al Sabeel weekly, accused the government of openly cracking down on the Muslim Brotherhood and the Islamists in violation of all democratie norms. The campaign against the Islamists started in the wake of 1989 parliamentary elections when the Islamists were described as a force trying to take control of the country's destiny, said the writer. The imposition of the one-person, one-vote electoral system, tampering with the results of the second parliamen-tary election and intimidation of Islamist groups were some of the manifestation of this bostile campaign,

the writer said.

Threat overshadows Korea nuclear pact

By David Brunnstrom

SEOUL - Attempts to implement a landmark U.S.-North Korean pact degenerated into brink-manship and threats this week, the projected date for a deal to supply Pyon-gyang with less-threatening nuclear reactors

When talks in Berlin be-tween U.S. and North Korean negotiators broke off without progress last Thursday, Washington warned it would again push for sanc-tions against Pyongyang if it . The United States says carried out its threat to res-

tart its nuclear reactors. Last year when the threat of sanctions last loomed, North Korea warned for

The text of the nuclear agreement reached be-tween Washington and Pyongyang in Geneva on Oct. 21 said the United. States would "make best efforts to secure the conclusion of a supply contract with (North Korea) within six months of the date of this document."

North Korea has called this a "deadline" for the conclusion of the agree ment to supply it with \$4 billion worth of light-water reactors, from which it is harder to extract bombmaking plutonium than North Korea's existing

It has said if the agreement was not reached by April 21, it would have no choice but to resume operating some of its nuclear

facilities, which the West suspects were being used to

produce plutonium for nuclear bombs. U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said on Tuesday the United States considered Friday a "target

date" rather than a cut-off date for the reactor agree-The crux of the deadlock is Washington's insistence that North Korea should accept nuclear reactors from its arch-foe, South Korea, and Pyongyang's equally adamant refusal

"Seoul must be the main contractor in the deal because it was the only counbulk of the massive cost. South Korea has said it would not provide a penny

unless it was given a central The United States, Japan and South Korea, the main players in the supply arrangements, have refused to rule out bope for the talks even though North Korean negotiators said they planned to return 10 De depor home from Berlin on Fri-

Washington said it was willing to continue the talks if the North Koreans were

A South Korean foreign ministry spokesman has said South Korea would continue efforts to persuade North Korea to accept South Korean model reactors "to the end" in coopcration with the United States and Japan.

LETTERS

Guilty regardless of innocence

To the Editor:

WHAT HAPPENED in the heartland of America saddened me for two reasons. First, I am sad and my heart goes out to the people who lost loved ones in this horrible tragedy. Second, I am sad that the nation which prides itself on its civil rights achievements has really not changed much since African-Americans were considered second class citizens or since Japanese-Americans were rounded up and imprisoned in concentration camps.

The fact is that if the "terrorist" McVeigh, who is a white American, had not been caught, which according to the media was almost what happened; Arab-Americans or, Arab-looking people living in the United States would have become targets for witch hunters. The lives of innocent people would have easily been put at risk by a people who have internalised American stereotypes about the Middle

An FBI official speaking on television after the bombing apologetically announced that Israel would know what to do in a case like this. This FBI official was alluding to what he thought of as the misfortune of living in a country which would not carry out a counter bombing on suspected countries. Well I have news for this FBI official, the United States has historically had no problem bombing another countries with no clear reason.

Finally I think it was really nice of President Clinton to gather the children in the White House and talk to them about coping. I really wished that President Clinton would have added a word or two about bigotry and discrimina tion. Maybe he should also gather the Arab-American children and apologise to them for a nation which was so quick to judge.

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ancient artefacts outside the famous Baalbek temple in the Bequa Valley.
There are still virtually no street lights or traffic lights in Beirut. Tangles of telephone and electricity wires criss-cross above the streets, but your calls often

By Caroline Hawley

BULLDOZERS are busy

at work levelling bombed-

out buildings in the centre

of Beirut. A steady stream

of international business-

men have come back to

cash in on the "new Leba-

non" supposed to rise from

the rubble. And a tiny trick-

le of tourists is returning to

see Lebanon's spectacular

Roman ruins — though too

few to give much joy to the

elling beads, postcards and

that they claim are genuine

ter of men and boys

'Only a privileged few will benefit from the new Lebanon' don't get through and there are frequent power cuts. After dark, there is an ecric quiet to the city. Lebanon's legendary night-life has been displaced to the neonlit port of Jounieh, which was relative unaffected by the war. The centre-piece, of the rebuilding effort is nearly levelled, leaving a vast empty expanse in their place. A specially chartered private company named

> construct a gleaming new city centre of offices, banks and buisnesses, parks and promenades. Eventually, if the government has its way, Beirut will regain its role as the business and tourist centre of the Middle East. The Lebanon described in P.J.

Solidere - of which Prime

Minister Rafiq Hariri is the

major shareholder — will

O'Rourke's Holidays in Hell will be part of a distant, forgotten past. Holiday-makers will flock to what the ministry of tourism describes in a publicity brochure as a "country for all seasons". Those wanting to ski and swim on the same day should beware, however, of the beaches. Today's Lebanon is an environmental nightmare, and swimming pools are safer than

Visitors can book themselves a tour with the riskysounding "Target Travel" or mingle with the locals in the exclusive shops along Hamra Street, where prices are in dollars and shoes sell for around \$300. The United States' ban on travel to Lebanon — renewed yet again by the secretary of state on March 1 - clearly

the heavily polluted sea.

has no bearing on the export of American products. Lucky Strike cigarettes entice potential customers with an all-American image: A blonde in tight jeans. She has keen obliterated with black paint in the Bequa Valley and Beirut's Shi'ite suburbs, Here, posters of Ayatollah Khomeini adorn, the walls, and overcrowding and unemployment provide fertile ground for Hizbollah, which runs social services not provided

by the government. Back in the centre of Beirut, and a world apart, a billboard advertising Lebanese wine informs you that: "Le Kefrava nouveau est arrivé." And Taittinger champagne advertises in English, proclaiming that "life is too short not to enjoy one of the best cham-

another man speeding away

in a car, "obviously in an

effort to avoid the bomb

Susan Otto, one of

McVeigh's defence lawyers,

disputed whether the witness

accounts proved McVeigh

was responsible for the

bombing. Mr. Howland, however.

said McVeigh left "an ideli-ble trail of evidence that

starts in Junction City and

ends up at the front door of

Junction City, Kansas, is

where a man matching

McVeigh's description rented

the truck that authorities be-

lieve carried the 2,160 kilog-

An indictment must be

filed within 30 days of

McVeigh's first court appear-

ance last Friday night. No

further hearings were im-

Assistant Deputy Attorney General Merrick Garland,

sent from Washington to lead

the case, said prosecutors

would ask a grand jury to return an indictment against

McVeigh within the next 30

days and would then begin

to be refusing to talk to inves-

tigators, has not yet entered a

Mr. Howland rejected

arguments from McVeigh's

court-appointed lawyers to

MeVeigh, who is reported

mediately scheduled.

preparing for trial.

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blast," Mr. Hersley said.

Lebanese, particularly tens of thousands who were displaced from their bomes during the civil war and now squat in war-damaged buildings, life is too short, full stop. Bombed-out buidings abandoned by their original occupants provide homes, of sorts, to both Syrian migrant labourers and displaced Lebanese. Dalal Hamnd is one of them. Twelve years ago she fled Tel Al Za'tar to a Christian-owned building in Wadi Abn Jamil, Now the neighbourhood is scheduled to form part of Solidere's down-town redevelopment and Ms. Hamud and her family will have to move once again. One off her four children is ill - poor sanitation is to blame and her husband is unem-

pagnes". But for many

ployed.
Like other squatters, the
Hamud family will be offered a few thousand dollar to relocate. But development workers say that, with property prices spiralling, the sums are harely enough to pay a year's rent. Hendrik van der Kloet, coordinator of United Nations assistance to Lebanon, wants the Lebanese government to do much more to address the country's massive social differences. He does not subscribe to the "trickle-down" theory of economics, and wants the chronic shortage of affordable housing - for example — to be actively addressed. "Something must be done to solve Lebanon's social marginalisa-

tion," he says, "or it will

lead to new instability.'

Critics of the city centre reconstruction project range from archaeologists and historians concerned that developers are riding roughshod over Beirut's archaeological heritage, to urban planners, social workers and ordinary Lebanese who feel that not enough is being done for Lebanon's poor. During the war, most of the middle class either emigrated or became impoverished themselves, and the gap between rich and poor seems to be widening. Economist Kamal Hamdan says that the country's tax burden is falling heaviest on the poor, thereby "accelerating the social imbalance." Many Lehanese feel that only a privileged few will benefit from the "new" Lebanon. The daily L'Orient du

Lebanese establishment as rotten to the very marrow". And a businessman echoed a widespread feeling about Lebanon's political leadership. "They are all corrupt, and they are all thieves," he said. "But at least Rafiq Hariri is doing something." For many, that "something" is not enough. Abbas, a 24-year-old Hizbollah; points at the potboled streets of his southern suhurb. "The reconstruction project will not affect us here," he says. "You will see better roads in the Christian areas." It is a reminder that the bulldozers have not yet been able to sweep Lebanon's sectarian sensitivities away with the rubble.

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Middle East International

FBI fears elusive suspect may strike again said he saw McVeigh and

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Street and the proof against the only person charged so far with the

At Thursday's hearing, Magistrate Howland found sufficient evidence to hold McVeigh without bail pending a trial. A grand jury will be asked to return an indictment. McVeigh is charged under a federal anti-terrorism statute that carried the death

"I could not imagine a more heinous offence than this," federal prosecutor Merrick Garland told Mr. Howland.

At the bombed-out building, a firefighter and an FBI agent sustained minor injuries overnight, and a major part of the search was called off early Friday after a slab of concrete broke loose and slid into the area that held a social security office and children's care centre, assistant fire chief Jon Hansen said. Mr. Hansen did not know

when the search could continne in the area known as "the pit," where firefighters expect to find many bodies. Authorities had expected to have all the bodies out by early next week, but Mr. Hansen said that may no longer be possible because of the delay.

During McVeigh's preliminary bearing, Agent Hersley testified for four bours, describing accounts of

Hoping for a trial to the second suspect. FBI investigators are looking for an Arizona licence plate that was missing from McVeigh's car when a state trooper stopped bim less than 90 minutes after the Oklahoma City bombing.

Arizona records show the missing licence plate belongs to a Pontiac station wagon that McVeigh registered in that state in February. Michigan records show he

bought the Pontiac for \$100 in January from his friend James Douglas Nichols. James Nichols and his

brother, Terry, are being held as material witnesses in the case. They have also been charged in Michigan with conspiring with McVeigh to detonate homemade bombs at James Nichols' farm. The Nichols brothers are

not charged in the Oklahoma. bombing, and McVeigh is not charged in Michigan. James Nichols was to return to court Friday outside Detroit for a hearing on whether he should be released on bond. In other developments, a

crumpled business card found in the police car that carried McVeigh to jail led investigators to Paulsen's Military supply in Antigo, Wisconsin. Owner Ed Paulsen called himself "a victim of circumst-

ances," but refused to comment further. Langlade County Sheriff Dave Steger

said the Paulsens told the FBI

they had no knowledge of McVeigh and suggested the suspect could have picked upthe card at a gun show. He said federal authorities "were comfortable" that McVeigh and the second suspect had

not been to Antigo. But the Los Angeles Times reported Friday that investigators were looking into whether Mr. Paulsen and his son, who investigators believe lives in Chicago, had supplied the small explosive devices needed to set off the Oklahoma City bomb.

The Times, citing anonymous sources, said investigators were also trying to determine whether McVeigh's 21year-old sister, Jennifer . knew of the bombing conspiracy. The Times said Jennifer McVeigh had told friends, who have been interviewed by the FBI, that "something big is going to happen in March or April and Tim's involved."

Agent Hersley testified that traces of detonator cord were found on the clothing McVeigh wore when he was pulled over for the missing licence plate.

He also said a parking meter tender told the FBI she saw McVeigh driving a rental truck toward her in the direction of the building shortly before the blast. The truck was moving slowly enough that she thought the driver was going to stop and ask

move the hearing to another A few minutes later, a man state to allow them to with-

draw from the case. Defence attorneys Otto

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and John Coyle argued that they could not fairly represent McVeigh because they were too well-acquainted with blast.

"We heard it, we smelled it, we lived through it, we are witnesses to this event," said Ms. Otto, who argued that she knew at least 10 people killed in the bombing.

Nonetheless, both attorneys aggressively quesuoned prosecution witnesses, and argued there were no witnesses who actually saw McVeigh detonate the bomb.

In other developments, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Texas reported that anthorities had located a diary outlining plans by McVeigh and others for bombings in Oklahoma City and two other U.S. cities.

The group concentrated on Oklahoma City when they ran out of time to acquire enough explosives to bomb buildings there as well as in Phoenix, Arizona, and Omaba. Nebraska, the daily said, quoting unnamed sources. Attorney General Janet Reno, asked about the report at a news conference in Washington, would only say:

'I have not received any evidence to that effect." The Washington Post Friday cited unnamed law enforcement sources saying that the bomb used in the blast probably required two to

three people and considerable patience and planning to

Serbs threaten all-out war to break stalemate

By Jovan Kovacic Reuter

BELGRADE — With a truce in Bosnia due to expire by the end of the month, Bosnian Serbs are threatening all-out war against their Muslim foes to break the stalemate in the three-year conflict.

"If the Muslims want war, they will have a war to the end - to their complete military defeat." Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic said recently.

He was visiting the Mount Vlasic area in Central Bosnia together with Bosnian Serb army commander General Ratko Mladic.

'The Serb army achieved its greatest successes in counter-offensives and if the Muslims attack we have the legitimate right to retaliate," he said.

"We shall launch a counter-offensive and I fear we shall have to defeat our obviously not ready for a political solution.

Mr. Mladic said his troops would "rigorously punish every Muslim offen-

Their joint appearance in the Mount Vlasic area. where the Bosnian Serbs recently lost a vital communications tower, was

aimed at denying reports of

a rift between the civilian and military leadership. It surfaced at a marathon

weekend session of the Bosnian Serb parliament when Mr. Mladic reported on the military and political situation in the country. Mr. Mladic's assessment was reported to he bleak unless the Bosnian Serbs

pitted all their material. manpower and financial resources to back the military machine. Mr. Mladic's line of thinking was it was time for \ the hig push to end this war

once and for all," a Bosnian Serb source said. The public agreement between Mr. Karadzic and his army, chief contrasted with. teports of the row in parlia-

ment. Informed sources said the civilian leadership feared losing control over the army if it complied with Mr. Mladic's demands.

Bosnian Serbs fear any dissonant voice in the leadin Wa sign of weakness by the Bosnian government and prompt more international

pressure on the Serbs to accept a big power peace They also believe that it would have an adverse effect on the morale of their soldiers and people, into a

fourth year of war with no

end yet in sight.

Serbia's President Slobodan Milosevic imposed sanctions on the Bosnian Serbs last August after Mr. Karadzic repeatedly rejected the peace plan. The embargot especial

on petrol supplies, has affected the Bosnian Serb was machine in terms of its mobility and indirectly its firepower, which now takes longer to shunt around, analysts said. "The Bosnian Serb army

is still powerful enough to hold its own against the Muslim prohes and incursions. It may lose some ground but is capable of retaking land like it did several times before." an analyst told Reuters.

"The Serbs, despite rifts and differences, rally in times of attack and (Bosnian President Alija) Izetbegovic would make a bad mistake if he launched a major offensive now. It would not gain him much or vital land but would recon-

On the other hand the biggest enemy of the Serbs is time which is working for their Muslim adversaries who are getting stronger by the day.

"So they may decide to go for broke while they still have the npper hand. Muslim attack are just giving them a good excuse," the source said.

Saudi to be deported to Jordan

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ities overrode the request and approved the man's deportation to Jordan.

In last week's hearing in San Francisco, Mr. Khalifa told the immigration court that he could get a fairer trial in Jordan. His lawyer, Marc van der

Hout was quoted as saying that the U.S. authorities' carly suspicions of Middle Eastem involvement in the April 19 Oklahoma City bombing belped convince Mr. Khalifa to try his luck in Jordan.
"There's hysteria in this

Given the federal push for

Associated Press dispatch. While no Jordanian official would confirm it, reports in the Arabic-language press in Enrope said in January that the Amman government had

country (the U.S.), and I believe be has a valid belief he's never going to get a fair trial here," the lawyer said.

relaxed investigation procedures while handling "terror-ism" investigations in the U.S., "I think it's true that he could get more due process in Jordan than in the U.S." Mr. Van der Hout was quoted as saying in an

sought Mr. Khalifa's extradi-

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Apparently, the U.S. author- tion to Jordan. The purported request was susbmitted by the Kingdom's ambassador to the U.S., Fayez Tarawneh, the reports said.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher was also reported to have written to Attorney General Janet Pero in January asking Mr. Khalifa's deportation to Jordan in view of the strong ties between the Kingdom and the

Allowing the man to remain in the U.S. "would have potential serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States," Mr. Christopher reportedly

Mr. Khalifa is an in-law of Osama Ben Laden, a Saudi millionaire of Yemeni origin who was reported to be the main bankroller of "Arab Afghans" - Arab volunteers who fought alongside Afghan mujahedeen against the Soviet army in the 1980-90

Afghan war. Several members of Mr. Khalifa's family, including brothers Abdullah, Malik and Osama, and their mother are also expected in Amman this week to follow up the expected retrial.

Jordan to adopt own stand

(Continued from page 1) observed that the review and extension conference on the NPT is taking place at a crucial moment in history following the end of the cold war with the non-aligned countries commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Bandung Declaration and when the international community is preparing for the 50th anniversary of the Un-

ited Nations. 3. The ministers of the states parties to the treaty recognised that the NPT, in spite of its unequal obligations, has been useful in promoting international peace and security. They praised non-aligned states parties for adhering faithfully to the obligations they entered into under the

treaty.
4. They further expressed deep concern that the nuclear weapon states have not adhered fully to the obligations under the treaty. They underlined that the review and extension conference on the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty offers a unique opportunity for states parties to the treaty to achieve the goal of comprehensive disarmament, in particular in the nuclear

5. The ministers of the states parties to the treaty emphasised the need for the adoption of a genuine and comprebensive disarmament regime to meet the security needs of all countries, in particular the non-nuclear weapon states through the fulfilment of the commitments undertaken by the nuc-

treaty, namely: a. Comprebensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). h. International legally

lear weapon states under the

binding instruments to provide comprehensive assurances to the non-nuclear states against the use or threat of use of nuclear

weapons. c. A cut off in the production and the elimination of stockpiling of fissile materials and other nuclear devices for weapons purposes.

d. Elimination of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction. e. Establishment of nuclear

weapon free zones. f. The unimpeded and nondiscriminatory transfer of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes.

means of promoting international peace and security. 7. In the light of the above considerations, the ministers of the states parties to the

sised the urgency and the

importance of achieving the

universality of the treaty as a

treaty agreed that: a. The treaty shall be extended in accordance with the options provided in paragraph 2 of Article X.

Twenty-five years after the entry into force of the treaty, a conference shall be convened to decide whether the treaty shall continue in force indefinitely, or shall be extended for an additional fixed period or periods. This decision shall be taken by a majority of the parties to the

b. In conformity with para-graph 3 of Article VIII (five years reviews), five years after the adoption of this extension decision, a regular re-view conference shall be convened at intervals of five years thereafter to conduct proper and comprehensive reviews of the operation of the treaty with a view to monitoring the implementation of the commitments referred to in paragraphs 5 and

6. The ministers of states parties to the treaty empha-6 above.

went to pray. Israeli general

"I assure you there are people unjustly held in jails here in Gaza, they were detained because of their background and have proven to be innocent," he said, addressing Mr. Arafat.

We do not oppose the detention of those who acted against the interest of the Palestinian people... but we ask your mercy for the inno-

More than half of the 200 people arrested in the crackdown against Islamic Jihad and the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, after the double bombings on April 9 have been freed in the past two weeks, but Hamas says police are still arresting its

Under the patronage of H.M. Queen Noor and in cooperation with the Cultural Foundation 3,14, Bergen, Norway, the Royal Norwegian Emhassy proudly presents "ENCOUNTERS", a Norwegian Cultural Week to take place in Jordan May 2-7, 1995.

Program

May 2nd , 8:00 p m.

Concert by Norwegian Folk musicians. Reidun Horvei & Einar Moolsnes and the Jordanian Oud Player, Sakher Hattar At : Darat Al-Funun, Amman Tickets sold at the National Music Conservatory

May 3rd, 6.00 p.m

Official opening of an exhibition of Norwegian contemporary art (Open till May 25th) At: Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts.

May 4th, 5 00 p.m.

Official opening of an exhibition of rugs designed by Norwegian textile designers and woven by the Bani Hamida weavers. At: Bani Hamida House

And of an exhibition of embroideries and jewellery on national costumes from Norway and Jordan, Norwegian folk music performance. A1 : Jordan River Designs Show Room

9 00 p.m.

Norwegian Evening at Romero Restaurant Tickets sold at Romero Tel: 644227

May 51h,

Bus Excursion to Unam-Qais (Gedara) Departure: 3.30 p.m.. Open air Concert in the Roman Amphitheatre by the Norwegian Opera Singer, Carl Robert Henie and Pianist Petter Anthon Naess. followed by Norwegian Buffet Dinner . Tickets sold at Romero, Tel., 644227

May 6th, 8.00 p.m.

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There was a big bruise on his left chest, there were bruises on his head and on other patrs of his body."

Abdullah Harizat told the Associated Pressure of the patrs of his body." lah, said Friday that he vi-

Israeli agents so they sent five collaborators in to his cell. But they got nowhere either, Israel army radio said, and approval was obtained to

use force. He was battered for between 15 and 20 minutes by fellow Palestinians, particu-larly around the head and then thrown into a cell on his

A Shin Beth agent who entered the cell several hours later to pursue the interrogation found the 30-year-old computer programmer un-He died a few hours later

The radio said the Shin

in hospital on Tuesday.

interrogation were called to the justice ministry as part of an inquiry into the death. Lawyer Leah Tzemel, a member of the Israeli Committee Against Torture, said the Shin Beth regularly uses

Palestinian "collaborators"

when they fail to obtain a

Beth men in charge of the

confession. These collaborators use violence in line with the detailed instructions given by their superiors in the Shin

According to Israeli ex-

perts at the autopsy, the

Palestinian died following a "traumatic external event."

she said.

"The responsibility lies enican. tirely with the Sbin Beth."

(Continued from page 1) leader Yasser Arafat among his audience on Friday urged him to free detainees he said were innocent victims of a

Sheikh Hejazi Burbar was the first imam to call publicly for the release of people jailed in a wave of arrests throughout the Gaza Strip following a double suicide bombing that killed seven Israeli soldiers and an Amer-

crackdown on militants.

"We are with you President Arafat and we realise your problems," said Sheikh Burbar during the Friday sermon at the Katiba Mosque in Gaza City where Mr. Arafat

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Prices gained hut turnover dropped at the Amman Financial Market (AFM) last week as investors turned to more selective trading after several weeks of hectic activity that saw stocks recovering from record lows since 1993.

The general price index based on 60 major companies closed for the week at 150.43, up 1.5 points or one per cent from the week's opening of 148.9 points. It was the first time that the iodex went over the 150-point mark since July

Brokers said a government meeting last week that reviewed the general situation decision to adopt action remove hurdles in the way of increased activities there had injected optimism among io-

"Now it is a safe bet that most of the pending applications from foreign investors to enter the market would be approved soon," said a hroker. "It is also clear that one of the priority laws in front of the government and legislature will be the oew AFM law," added the broker, who, like other AFM dealers, cannot be identified by name.

The weekly report of the AFM said turnover during last week was JD 12.9 million, down 40 per cent from the previous week's JD 21.5

Brokers said the main JD 5.2 million, or 40.3 per

absence of major stock transfers last week as the case was in the previous week.

"It is not actually a drop in trading," said an AFM dealer. "Quite simply the high turnover in the previous two weeks came as a result of hulk transfers of stocks among institutions. Such transfers do not happen every

The AFM report said the industrial index gained 4.3 points, or 3.5 per cent and the service sector index 1.1 points or one per cent during the week. Commercial hanks shed 0.4 point, or 0.3 per cent, and insurance firms lost 1.7 points or 1.2 per ceot. Industrials accounted for

cent, of the weekly turnover. followed hy commercial hanks with JD 4.1 million (31.8 per cent), the services sector with JD 3.4 million (\$26.4 per cent) and insurance stocks with JD 200,000

(1.5 per cent), Shares of 91 companies were traded during the week, with 36 of them closing for the week with gains, 42 showing losses and 13 remaining

The AFM report said 5.7 million shares changed hands under 7.632, deals during the

The Philadelphia Investmeot Bank saw JD 905,500 of its shares being sold and bought during the week; hut the stocks closed at JD 1.980,

Dieter Spranger said it would

send a wroog signal that

whenever a problem de-

veloped, gold could be sold. But Mr. Clarke said he

thought there was support for

the idea. "I think there is a

reasonable level of support, a

growing level of support." he

Regional blocs no threat to world free trade — WTO

GENEVA (R) — The World Trade Organisation (WTO) has signalled confidence that proliferating regional trading groups would not turn into isolationist blocs undermining progress to world-wide

A report by analysts in the WTO secretariat said there was no sign any of the 108 customs unions and free trade areas aet up sioce World War II posed a threat to the multilateral system of trade rules the new body was created to administer.

'There have heen no fortress-type regional integratioo agreemeots among WTO members," declared

the 90-page report.

It also argued that the deep and wide-ranging tariff cuts agreed under the seveo-year Uruguay Round oegotiations among some 125 countries meant there was little scope for greater reductions io purely regional accords.

Analysis showed that "re-gional and multilateral integratioo initiatives are complemeotary rather thao alternatives in the pursuit of open trade," the report said.

The round deal, reached under the old Geoeral Agreemeot on Tariffs and Trade, (GATT) which is being absorbed by the WTO, went into force oo Jan. 1 with the launch of the new body.

During the difficult final two or three years of the round, when prospects of a global accord often seemed to fade, there were frequent warnings that regional agreements could provide the hasis for closed trading blocs if the negotiations failed.

Some commentators suggested the European Union could follow that path as well as the 1993 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) between the United States, Canada and Mex-

The emergeoce of a group-ing linking the United States with major Asian powers in-cluding Japan and China and the whole of Latin America in an Asia-Pacific Economic Community (APEC) has also stoked these fears.

And some developing conotries have expressed alarm at proposals for a Trans-Atlantic Free Trade Accord, or TAFTA, linking Europe and North America, suggesting it could create a 'hig powers" hloc discrimi-

nating against their goods.
Ontgoing WTO chief Peter
Sutherland and his successor Renato Ruggiero, who takes over on May 1, this week both warned that an inwardlooking TAFTA — if it ever became a reality - would be a barrier to global integra-

Some commentators have offered apocalyptie visions of vast "trade fortresses". whose member states only huy and sell each others' products, coming into armed conflict in the hid for markets as in George Orwell's Novel But the WTO report said

completion of the Uruguay

But in a speech Wednes-day, Mr. Sutherland himself

said that while regional

accords were often huilding

hlocs for world-wide agree-

ments "the WTO will remain

the indispensable central

forum for the trade policies

of the global marketplace."

regional accords also covers services, agriculture and protection of intellectual property rights — had put to rest many of these concerns.

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Analysis of the growth in trade between countries in regional groups before and after they were set up and with countries outside did not show increasing regionalisa

"Nor does it confirm the ofteo-alleged emergence of trading 'blocs' centred in North America, western Europe and the Asia-Pacific region," the report declared.

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WASHINGTON (R) - Developing coontries were nrged to avoid excessive reliance on short-term funding to avoid Mexico-style crises, as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank wrapped up their spring meeting Thursday.

The development committee of the two agencies also noted that international investors were more cautious now and said countries would have to follow sound economic policies in order to gain access to international capit-

A hastily-assembled international rescue package was required to stabilise Mexico after investors fled in a rush from the devalued peso ear-

"They (countries) should avoid excessive reliance oo short-term flows to finance longert-term development " the development committee said in a com-

The final day of this semianoual gathering was devoted to finding more creative ways to help those left behind in the glohal economy, even as aid money is growing scarcer.

Currency turmoil among the world's major economies took a back seat to more down-to-earth issues such as road building and bringing electricity to the countryside.

"We want to ensure that more selective and effective use is made of scarce resources available, and to see more radical ways of harnessing the private sector to the cause of development," British Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke told the committee that includes rich

and poor nations. While many formerly poor countries have surged ahead into the growing class of

Peanuts

Andy Capp

mies the plight of the world's poorest countries is more

acute than ever. Wealthy oations are finally trimming their hudget deficits and this often means cutting funding for overseas aid.

And when the emerging countries get into trouble like Mexico — there is a huge drain on international funds.

In a proposal almost unthinkahle a few years ago, the IMF is mulling the sale of some of its gold to supplement its support for poor countries, especially those in

Specifically, IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus hopes to use gold sales to turn the fund's enhanced structural adjustment facility into a permanent pool of funds that the poorest coun-

modest cost Support is coming from some of the largest economies, led hy Britain, which argues that the IMF does not need to sit on the entire hoard of gold with which it

tries could use and repay at

was founded 50 years ago. However, not everyone agrees. German Economic Cooperation Minister Carl-

Lecture at Jordan Electricity Authority About **Upgrading Capacity of Gas Turbines Organised by** Hawamdeh Engineering Construction Company

A lecture was held recently at the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) on upgrading the capacity of gas turbines through using equipment for cooling the air entering the turbines and employing an advanced technology to upgrade efficiency of gas turbines station during peak working hours in dry and desert areas.

Talking about the new technology was Peter Shilton of the U.S. Vogt Company which has developed this new technology. Mr. Shilton gave a detailed description of this new technology, which has been used in the United States and Malaysia.



saying that it has succeeded in creasing the production capacity during peak time by up to 30 per cent of the total output of turbine gas.

This implies reduced costs and eliminate the need for additional units.

The symposium was held at the invitation of Hawamdeh Engineering Construction Com-

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pany, which is the Vogt Company in Jordan.

At the end of the lecture, Mr. Shilton answered questions put forward to him by the audience, including JEA engineers. Hawamdeh Company is known for its interest in introducing the latest electric and mechanical technology in Jordan.

By Glasbergen

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Japan minister says U.S. trying to enslave Japanese

TOKYO (R) — A Japanese cahinet minister said the United States appeared to be using the yen's steep rise against the dollar to enslave the Japanese people, media reported Friday.

There was a time (in the United States) when hlack slaves from Africa were hooght and produced wealth," media quoted Transport Minister Shizuka Kamei as sayiog in a speech

"Now I have recently noticed U.S. moves which make me suspect they are saying, 'can't we skillfully use the diligent Japanese as slaves?' and that they are actually doing so," Mr. Kamei said.

The media reports said Mr. Kamei, an outspoken hawk in the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), made the com-ment io reference to Washingtoo's stance on foreign exchange. Many Japanese politicians

are frustrated with what analysts term Washington's "malign neglect" of the dollar, whose slide of more than 20 per cent against the yen is doing little damage to the U.S. economy hut threatens to derail Japan's recovery.

Mr. Kamei also said he had a feeling that the United States, the free country upon which Tokyo depends most, had receotly turned cold towards Japao.

These may be the words of a jilted woman, hut I have such a feeling a bit," he was

quoted as saying. On Friday, Mr. Kamei told reporters he had intended his comments to be off the re-

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FORECAST FOR SATURDAY APRIL 29, 1995 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) This is a good day to have a meeting with fellow associates and come to a far better understanding with

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Try to agree with fellow associates and all goes more smoothly today than heretofore. Be more precise in handling your own tasks.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) A fine day today for enjoying amusements with friends. Show more affection for your mate and get the right kind of response.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Home is your best bet today where you can find greater happiness and you can improve the conditions there.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Join efforts with those of allies so that you can handle routines more enjoyable and efficiently today. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) This is a good day today to get your property improved and make it look more charming and functional. Use care in motion while on the highway.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You are very magnetic today and can gain some cherished wish very quickly. Accept any invitations which come your way.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Delve into the right sources and come up with the truth of any situation and then you know how to proceed.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Be very outgoing and see as many persons as you can today and make new contacts of worth who can help you succeed.

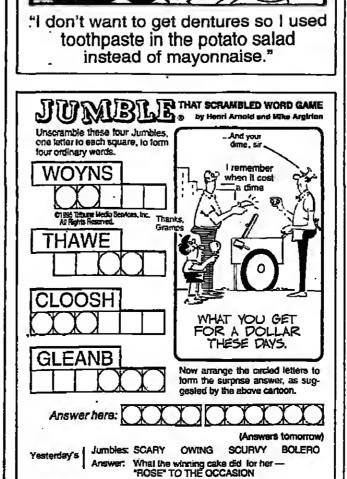
CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Bring your talents to the attention of bigwigs today who can help you to commercialise on them.

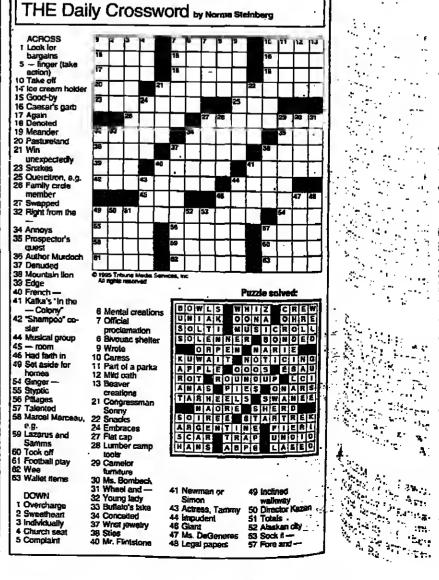
AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Take a little trip with one today who is congenial and you can gain some cherished aim and desire very easily.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Be with that person who is like a magnet for you, and you can have a wonderful time together. Birthstone of April: Diamond - Amethyst

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A review

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GATT rules

* ECONOMIST AND

former Industry and Trade Minister Bassam Al Saket

sharply criticised the old and

new laws for encouraging investmeets and described

them as being contradictory with the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT)

In a lecture at the Amman

Chamber of Commerce, Dr.

Saket said it was mandatory

to reconsider most of the

articles in the law for en-

cooraging investment be-cause GATT speaks of recip-rocal treatment, freedom of

capital movement and treat-

ment of foreign capital as the local capital. GATT, be added, further rejects gov-

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of discriminatory and pre-ferential treatment that exist

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call laws for encouraging in-

Dr. Saket said: "We to

Jordan discuss, issue and

approve laws without consid-

eration to GATT or other

international agreements."
He stressed that the indust-

rial sector will face a real

challenge in the coming

period as 18 per cent of Jor-

dan's convertible industries

will be affected by GATT. The former minister prop-

osed that the government sets up a specialised department

to deal with and follow up oo

all matters related to GATT

and study the experience of

other countries (Al Ra'i).

** THE PRIVATE sector

does not approve of many

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and sales tax put for debate

by the Ministry of Finance. A

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> m 1993 to JD 1.85 million in 1994. Yet, the board of directors is recommending to the sharebolders' general assembly not to distribute any dividends but rather to consolidate the bank's financial position by boosting reserves and retained earnings. The bank will probably increase its capital to JD 10 million by the end of this year and to JD 20 million between the conductor of the second of the se 20 million before 1997. Total credits stood at 84.6 million while deposits totalled JD 140.9 million at the end of last year. The bank's portfolio of securities amounted to JD 4.55 million (Al Ra'i).

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hiked net profit by about 104 per cent from JD 0.9 million

* * ZTYAD SALEH was appointed by the French hotel group ACCOR as its representative in Jordan. The hotel group inteods to estabish four hotels at different locations in Jordan with the participation of well known business personalities (Al

* * SALEM AL Lawzi, director-general of the Agricultural Marketing Organisation, urged farmers to improve the quality of their produce and to use appropriate boxes (Al Ra'i).

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WEEKLY REPORT

Turnover drops, prices gain at AFM

(Continued from page 8) down 70 fils from the week's

opening. Nearly JD 700,000 worth of the Amman Investment Bank changed hands during the week, with prices closing at JD 3.50 with a gain of 10

Among insurance stocks, Jordan French Insurance opened at JD 2.830 and closed at JD 2.550 with a turnover of JD 112,000; Middle East Insurance gained 100 fils to close at JD 3.6 with a volume of JD 92,350.

In the services sector, Jordan Electric Powet Company's old stock gained 80 fils to close at JD 1.760 while its new issue also gained 80 fils and closed at JD 1.660. Turnover (both new and old) was around JD 1.05 million.

Among hotels, United Middle East and Commodore lost 40 fils during the week to close at JD 2.660 but with a turnover of JD 485,000. In industrials, the Jordan Cement Factories Company

saw a turnovet of JD 2,395,000; its stocks closed at JD 3.480 after gaining 380 fils during the week. In general, brokers said,

there is fresh confidence in the market after months of uncertainity and record*

plunge in prices.
"Jordanian investors are maturing," said a senior banking executive. "They are more ioto selective trading these days, but oot without an eve on smaller companies which stand to gain from development projects as the government moves to announce tenders."

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| Lebanese Lira* | 0.041110 | 0.042125 |
| Saudi Riyal | 0.1824 | 0.1839 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | 2.3150 | 2.5600 |
| Qetari Riyai | 0.1878 | 0.1895 |
| Egyptian Pound | 0.1900 | 0.2080 |
| Omani Riyal | 1,7780 | 1.7950 |
| UAE Dirham | 0.1562 | 0.1880 |
| Greek Drachma* | 0.2960 | 0.3260 |
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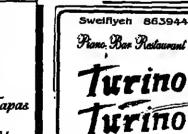
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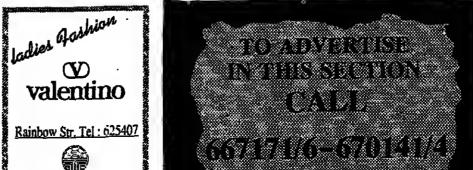


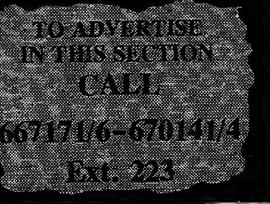
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Man pleads guilty in slaying of Michael Jordan's father

Jazz, Knicks, Pacers, Sonics win playoff games

SALT LAKE CITY (R) — the decisive third quarter for Hakeem Olajuwon had 45 the decisive third quarter for a 103-79 rout of the Cleve- against the Hawks during the final two quarters, as the

Grant Loog scored 18

points and pulled down II

rehounds for Atlanta.

Mookie Blaylock and Steve

Smith added 17 points each

for the Hawks, who got just

five points from their bench.

on two free throws by

Blaylock with just over a

minute left, but Miller drove

the lane and hit a running

jumper in traffic to seal the

ball, hur we did get the first win," Miller said. "You have

to give them credit, they nev-

er quit. They are going to be

tough the whole series."
The winner of the best-of-

five series will take on the

victor of the New York-

In Seattle, Shawn Kemp

scored 21 points, incloding

Cleveland series.

'We dido't play our best

win with 40 seconds left.

Atlanta cut the lead to six

ern Cooference playoff open-

Charles Oakley scored 19

points and grabbed II re-

bounds for New York, which

lost the seventh game of the

championship series to Hous-

the beginning," Ewing said.
"Our intensity was sky high.

In fact we had too much

intensity, and committed a

couple of turnovers as a re-

Danny Ferry scored 20 points to pace the Cavaliers,

who have lost eight consecu-

tal errors and physical mis-

takes. It was a nice hlend."

said a sarcastic Cleveland

Cleveland pulled to 51-45

early in the third quarter

before New york went on an

18-2 run to put the game

81 per cent (13-for-16) in the

third quarter, led by Harper's

5-for-5. The Knicks made II

straight baskets during ooe

Miller scored 17 of his 24

poiots in the secood half to

lead the Indiana Pacers to a

90-82 victory over the Atlan-

points and grabbed nine re-

bounds for Iodiana, which

Derrick McKey scored 21

ta Hawks.

In Indianapolis, Reggie

New York shot a sizzling

We had our share of men-

tive playoff games.

coach Mike Fratello.

We jumped on them from

ton last year.

LUMBERTON, North Carolina (AP) — A teen-ager pleaded guilty in the murder of hasketball superstar Michael Jordan's father and agreed to testify against

another man, almost two years after the killing.

Larry Martin Demery, 19, faces a minimum of life in prison on the first-degree murder charge. He told judge Gregory Weeks on Thursday be understood be also could

Sentencing will be delayed until after the trial of Daniel Green, 20, who is also charged in the July 23, 1993, killiog of James Jordan. That trial has not been scheduled. Jordan, 56, was shot as he napped in his car on the shoulder of an highway south of town, while taking a break on a trip from Wilmington to Charlotte. His body was later found in a South Carolina swamp.

Demery originally pleaded innocent, but told police in August 1993 be helped dispose of Jordan's body.
Green maintained his innocence during a telephone interview with Durham TV station WTVD after Thursday's

"He told me not to tell the police anything and I didn't tell police anything to incrimioate him," Green said. "I feel

stupid as hell, to be honest with you. Michael Jordan, in Charlotte for the National Baskethall Association playoffs against the Charlotte Hornets, said "oope, cone at all," when asked if he had any reaction. He walked through a crowd of reporters, refused to answer questions, hopped into a car with a friend and drove

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James Jordan died just a month after watching his son lead the Chicago Bulls to a third NBA title. Michael Jordan said his decisioo to retire had been in the making before his father's murder, "but I think what it made me realise is

When Michael walked away at the pinnacle of his career in October 1993, he spoke of an "overwhelming feeling of grief and loss" after his father's death.

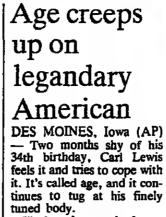
After a brief stint in Minor League Basehall, he rejoined

the Bulls on March 19. He left his No. 23 Jersey hanging in the rafters at the Bulls' home arena, saying it was the last number his father bad seen him wear. Instead, be wears the No. 45 he wore as an ontfielder for the double a Birmingham Barons.

Asked why Demery entered the plea, District Attorney John Britt said: "I would not reduce the murder charge." Britt had said he would seek the death penalty in the case.

Demery set impassively at the defense table during much of Tuesday's hearing. His mother, Virginia Demery and girlfriend, Angela McLean, sat io the spectator's section and occasionally wiped tears.

Demery's trial had been scheduled to begin May 30. He also pleaded guilty to three counts each of follony hreaking and entering, larceny, and rohbery with a dangerous weapon larceoy, two counts of assaolt with a deadly weapon and one count of conspiracy to commit robbery, charges involving Jordan's death and two other



He doesn't run quite fast as he used to. He doesn't jump quite as far. He's finding it barder and harder to get up for meets. The intensity, the focus - traits that made him perhaps the hest atlete of all

time — aren't always there.
Once, the future seemed limitless for the three-time Olympic vereran and eighttime gold medalist. Now, it doesn't extend beyond his

A fourth Olympics in 1996? Not even thinking about it, Lewis insists. In fact, he's not even ready to talk about the U.S. championships in June. His only thoughts now are on the IOO metres he'll ruo at the Drake relays on Friday.
"When Drake is over, I'll

evaluate it and move on to the next meer," Lewis said. This season and the rest of my career, I'm going to take ir one meet at a time and not speculate about my future. But in spite of all that, his advancing age, the wear and tear on his body from all the years of competing and training, Lewis remains a force in

his sport. He cites his mostly vegetarian diet for helping him stay in shape and he stil has a hurning drive to excel. Lewis ran a sub-10-secood 100 at the Texas relays in early April, finishing in 9.94 despite getting a late start io his training. And be won the long jump at the Mount Sac relays in California on April 15, although his winning leap

of 8.123 metres (26 feet-8 1/4 inches) was well short of wbat

be's used to doing.

"One thing I am having a problem with is just staying focused for a lot of the meets," Lewis said. "For instance, that was a big prob-lem I had (at Mount Sac). Even though it was one of my only long jumps of the sea-son, I still have a difficult time getting focused for some of the meets I've been to so

many times. Because of that, Lewis expects to be inconsistent. But is confident he'll still be capable of a big-time perform-

When you've been to 14 Mount Sac relays or 13 of this meet or 11 of this, you don't approach it the same way," be said. "I have to totally adjust to that. And that's been my biggest problem. But the one thing I've kept is my enthusiasm for training and my enthusiasm for the

"Wheo I go to a national championship and go, 'oh my God, I can't wait until this is over with,' then it's time for me to walk out of here. But right now, I still have that desire to be no. I, a desire to be at the top.

Lewis remembers 1991, when he ran the 100 metres seven times and won only two or three of those races. But he set a world record of 9.86 at the World Championships that year and anchored the U.S. team to a world record in the 400 relay. He also had three long jumps over 29 feet (g.84 metres) at that meet. "That's the way my career

is going to be more," Lewis said. "I'm going to have some up and down meets and some meets that will be kind of hit or miss because of the emotional aspect.

"But when it comes to the big ones, I will be ready and ready to perform at a very high level.



Cantona to stay with **Manchester United**

MANCHESTER (AP) than the people who have some na's representatives. French star Eric Cantona ended weeks of speculation Friday hy announcing that be bas signed a new three-year cootract that will keep him with Manchester United through 1998.

Cantona, who has been banned from soccer worldwide until next October for assaulting a Crystal Palace fan oo Jan. 25, turned down a lucrative transfer offer from the Italian club Inter Milan to stay with United.

"I'm staying here hecause Manchester United is the higgest club in England and maybe in Europe and maybe in the owlrd," Cantona said at a news conference. "I am pleased to bave the opportunity in the next three years to win again maoy trophies with them. Everybody in this club deserves it, and all the

"I oever rhought about leaving Manchester United, never," Cantona added. Maybe some people in Eng land (wanted me to leave). But I'm here. I'm with Manchester Uoited. I can forget everything and we can win times been so bard and so wrong. That's not a problem for me. Cantona was flanked at the

news cooference hy Man-Martin Edwards "It's no secret that Inter Milan were very interested in Eric," Edwards said, "He has shown his loyalty to us and

we have shown our loyalty to "We are delighted," Edwards said. "It's been a long traumatic period for the club. Eric has been sentenced by the club, by the F.A., by the courts and by the French F.A. He has had four punishments. We believe he is now serving those punishments. We'd like to see an end to the

Ferguson said, "we're pleased for our fans, for Manchester United and for everyone associated with the cluh. We've taken a giant step towards winning things by sealing Eric's immediate future for the next three

whole affair.

Inter Milan officials reacted hitterly to the announcement, claiming they had heen misled by Canto-

"They had agreed to have bim play for Inter next year,' Inter general secretary Paolo

Taveggia said. "I am disappointed with Cantooa's representatives, his manager and his lawyer. I think they were not as fair with us as we were with them. We were waiting for a phone call from his representatives but they didn't bother to call us."

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Cantona bas won league title medals three seasons in a row since he arrived in English soccer in the 1991-92 season, one with Leeds and: two with the Reds. But Un- EX V ited is almost certain to lose its title to Blackhurn this season and, although the Reds are agaio in the F.A. Cup final against Everton at Wembley May 20, Cantona is

hanned from playing. The Frenchman hit the headlines around the world -: Jan. 25 when he launched a kung-fu-style kick at Palace fan Andrew Simmons after being expelled in a Premier League game.

Cantona was taken to court charged with assault, pleaded

Klinsmann could stay at Tottenham

BONN (R) — German World Cup striker Juergen Klinsmann could stay another season with English Premier League Tottenham before moving to German champions Bayern Munich, sources close to the player said on Thursday.

While press reports in England and Germany have suggested in the last week that a move to Bayern next season source told Reuters: "It is all far from done and dusted. It is still very much 50-50." Klinsmann, 30, has had an

offer from Italy as well as from Bayern. He said earlier this week he would not make a final decision until the end of the English season next The Germany captain has

said he would ralk to Tottenham first before making any final decision. He could still move to

Bayern after aoother year England after the European Championship (in England in 1996), one source said. "There is nothing signed, as some reports have su

The general feeling in German media is that Kli mann will find it hard to re the security of a three-y contract and an estim annual salary of 3.5 mi marks (\$2.6 million) at Bundesliga's richest clai

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Unfortunately, we humans love the ring of our voices and West spoke once too much on this deal from the trials to select North America's world championship team some

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and declarer had 10 tricks—fit trumps, three clubs and two spades Had West remained silent, the contract would surely have been defeated. The logical way for declare feated. The logical way for decare to tackle trumps was to play a light, honor from one hand or the other. Although that would reveal the 50 split, there's nothing declarer could do to recover. No matter how declarer to the country of the split of the country o clarer maneuvered nine tricks would be all that could be taken. Try

Stockton from sinking a

layup with 2.4 seconds left to

lead the Utah Jazz to a 102-

I00 victory over the defend-

ing champions in the opening night of the National Basket-ball Association playoffs on

Thursday. Kenny Smith had tied the

game for Houston on a 15-

foot baseline jumper with 16

seconds left, hut Stockton

came off a high pick from

Karl Malone, drove on-molested to the basket and

dropped in a layup as Ola-

juwon, Smith and Robert

"We just went with the

Horry tried for the block.

pick-and-roll and tried to get

the ball up on the glass, hoping someone would get

the rebound or the foul,"

Stockton said. "But it fell,

Vernon Maxwell's de-

speratioo 30-footer at the

huzzer was long for the de-

fending champions, who got

points and Malone had 25

points and I4 rebounds for

Utah, which was eliminated

by Houston in the Western

Conference finals last season

eight ties and seven lead

The fourth quarter had

Io New York, the Knicks

took the first small step back

to the finals as Patrick Ewing

scored 2I points and Derek

Harper scored I1 of his I6 io

Stockton finished with 28

45 points from Olajuwon.

and so we'll take luck."

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added 17 for the Sonics, who

lost four of five regular-

season games to the Lakers

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after they had put together

the league's best record in the

Nick Van Exel scored 29

points for the Lakers, who

were held to their lowest-ever

point total in a playoff game. Los Angeles had scored 72 in

a game against the Mil-

waukee Bucks on April 19th.

regular season.

Results of playoff games

(New York leads best-of-five series 1-0)

(Indiana leads best-of-five series 1-0)

(Utah leads best-of-five series 1-0)

(Seattle leads best-of-five series I-0)

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The Sonics are trying to

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> Sameh Madani **Managing Director**

8th BFAAME championships

Jordan in 6th place after round 16

By Roufan Nahhas Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jurdan moved to 6th place after round 16 in the 8th Asia. Africa and the Middle East Bridge Championsbip which started here on April 22. India, with 285.50 points, leads the 13-nation competi-

tion in first place followed by South Africa with 260.00 points in second place, and Egypt is third with 259.50.

The championship, held at the Forte Grand Hotel under the patronage of Prime Minister Sbarif Zeid Ben Shaker, will conclude May 3. The top two teams of the championship will participate in the World Bridge Championship due to be held in Beijing in September.

Results of the Open teams round 16:

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| 8. Russia | 5. S. Arabia | 33-46 | 12-18 |
| 11. Banglades | 19. Réunion | 43-69 | 9-21 |
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13. Sri Lanka | 10. S. Africa | 3-46 | 5-25 |
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Standings in the eight-nation women's competitinn, after round 12 came as follows: India in the first place with 225.25 points, followed by Egypt with 214.00 in second place and South Africa in third place with 207.50. Jnrdan's women team is in 7th place with 139.00.

Women's teams results of round 12:

| Home Team | Away Team | IMP Score | VP Score |
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| 1. Jordan
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2. Egypt
4. Sri Lanka | 6. S. Africa
5. Réunion
8. India
7. Pakistan | 22-26
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In round 17 Jordan will meet Pakistan, Russia in round 18 and Saudi Arabia in round 19.

The Jordanian women team's will meet Pakistan in

round 13, Réunion in round 14 and Sri Lanka in round 15. Representing Jurdan in the men's team are the tnurnament's chief organiser Ghassan Ghanem, Marwan Ghanem, Arafat Al Saheb, Samir Zein; Omran Abu Dheim and Suleiman Abdo.

Representing the women's team are Sireen Barakat, Reem Andoni, Mais Aloul, Alia Shraideh, Antoinette Akasheh and Taghreed Akasheh. Here are the standings fullowing the end of round 16.

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| 1. India | 285.50 | 1. India | 225.25 |
| 2. S. Africa | 260.00 | 2. Egypt | 214.00 |
| Egypt | 259.50 | 3. S. Africa | 207.50 |
| 4. Réunion | 236.00 | 4. Pakistan | 178.25 |
| 5. Sri Lanka | 233.50 | 5. Sri Lanka | 177.50 |
| 6. Jordan | 198.25 | 6. Réunion | 167.50 |
| 7. Mauritius | 195.00 | 7. Jordan | 139.00 |
| 8. Pakistan | 188.25 | 8. Кепуа | 105.50 |
| 9. Kenya | 168.00 | • | |
| 10. Syria | 165.50 | | |
| Bangladesh | 161.00 | | |
| 12. Saudi Arabia | 151.00 | | |

nault beaded the field in the first official practice session for the San Marino Grand

Prix here on Friday. He clocked 1min 27.274 to

outpace Austrian Gerhard

Berger in the Ferrari

(1:27.282) and Scot David

Coulthard in the Williams

Drivers test a safer circuit, following Senna's death

IMOLA (Agencies) — A bronze bust of Ayrton Senna was unveiled in a downtown gallery and fans brought fresh flowers at the Tamburello

But there was no official tribute for the three-time world champion at the Dino and Enzo Ferrari Autodrome of Imola as the Fnrmnla-One circus returned to the circuit where Senna was fatally injured in a high speed crash of his Williams-Renault car one

Drivers were busy in testing a changed track and in setting up the cars for Sunday's Grand Prix of San Marino, the third race of the 1995 World Championship.

However Frank Williams, the team manager investigated by Italian indges for Senna's death, suggested that the memory of Senna was in "the minds of everyone at this circuit" and that it was something to be dealt hy each person in his own private

Ferrari's driver Gerhard Berger said it was an emotional comeback to Imola hut added "we are professinnals and must concentrate on racing now.

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Most drivers were mindful bowever that the death of Senna at the San Marino Grand Prix and the fatal crash of Anstrian Roland Ratzenberger in qualifying the day before prompted a major shift in Formula-One

Turns at some circuits, including Imola and Mnnza in Italy, have been changed and cars had technical modifica-

tions to reduce speeds.
"Safety standards in F-1 have been greatly improved following the Imola accidents last year," said Williams.
At Imnla four turns, in-

cluding Tamburello, were changed radically to make it a 'new' circuit. 'It's now much safer," said

world champion Micbael Schumacher, who drives with Benetton-Renault. Jean Alesi, the French driver of Ferrari who clocked the fastest time in Thursday's warmup, said it was a com-

pletely different circuit "still difficult to mana Berger said he found that the track still was difficult although the "corners that made your heart beat faster in the past have gnne.

Berger, who campaigned

for safety following Senna's death, survived a high speed accident at Tamburello a few

> Schumacher heads San Marino pace

World champion Michael Schumacher's Benetton-Re-

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Brazil's Bebeto (left) and teammate Zinho doing stretching exercises during a team training session (AFP photo)

Bebeto to join J-League

TOKYO (AFP) - Kashima Antlers are to pay five million dollars to Brazilian World Cap star Bebeto to join the Japanese football league club in June on a three-year contract, a Tokyo daily newspaper reported Friday.

The 31-year-old forward, currently playing for Spain's Deportivo La Coruna, said he had turned down a better offer from two-time J League champions Verdy Kawasaki. Verdy had offered Bebe-

to, whose real name is Jose Roberto Gama de Oliveira, \$7.5 million for three years, full insurance, 20 first-class tickets a year hetween Japan and Brazil, two cars and two months vacation.

But in a statement before a friendly match between Brazil and Spain's Valencia on Thursday, Bebeto said he preferred Antiers, the Nikkan Sports newspaper

reported. "I think I'm going to join Antlers, because the team has Leonardo and Jorginho hesides Zico invited me," he said.

Fellow Brazilian Zico who scored a sensational hat-trick in his first match for Antiers in the inaugural 1993 league, hong up his boots last year and now works as an advisor to the

The Antiers are currently leading the 14-team league with nine wins against two

Cincinnati 5 (11 innings)

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Griffey's three-run

SEATTLE (R) - Ken Griffev hit a three-run homer in the fifth inning and Randy Inbuson and two relievers combined on a three-bitter as the Seattle Mariners blanked the Detroit Tigers 3-0 on

Thursday.
Griffey blasted a 1-1 pitch off the third deck in right field off Tigers starter Sean Bergman, scoring Felix Fermin and Darren Bragg.

Johnson went six innings, allowing all three hits and striking out eight. Bill Risley pitched two hitless innings and Bohby Ayala threw a perfect ninth for the save. The trio retired the last 18

hitters they faced. In Toronto, Ed Sprague hit his first career grand slam and drove in five runs as the Toronto Bine Jays defeated the Oakland Athletics, 7-1.

The game was played be-

fore 31,070 fans, the lowest into the stadium in 1989.

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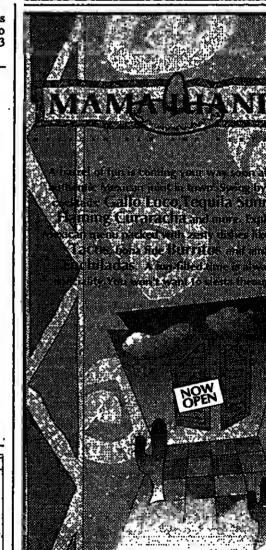
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since the Blue Jays moved Sprague allowed just two hits over eight innings before tiring in the ninth. Sprague homered off Ron

Darling in the fourth inning. In Chicago, Al Eldred scat-tered four bits over five innings and the Milwaukee Brewers scored six runs with two out in the sixth inning to coast to a 9-4 victory over the

Chicago White Sox. Back-to-back doubles by John Jaha and Joe Oliver gave Milwaukee a 2-1 lead in the fourth inning, and the Brewers broke the game open as seven consecutive batters reached base after Obver made the second out

for Chicago, allowing two runs, one earned, in 4-1/3



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FBI seeks new powers and tools

tions (FBI) director Louis Freeh has asked Coogress for new tools to fight terrorism. complaining his agency had been hampered by an inability to gather intelligence on groups advocating violence.
"There are individuals and

several groups in the United States that are arming themselves for potential conflicts with law enforcement or gathering weapoos to further a social or political cause," Mr. Freeh said in Senate testimony, eight days after the deadly Oklahoma city

bombing.

But he said the FBI could not gather intelligence on groups advocating violence uotil their violent talk becomes deadly actioo."

The first rule of selfdefence is to know the eoemy who inteods to destroy you, Mr. Freeh said.

President Bill Clinton has proposed a series of reforms to comhat both domestic and foreign-hased terrorism and several anti-terrorism hills have been introduced in Con-

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The administration wants expanded phone tapping ability and greater access to consumer records. It also wants to hire some 1,000 new agents, prosecutors, and other federal law enforcemeot and support personoel.

Anti-government extremists are believed responsible for the huge truck bomb that ripped through a federal huilding last week, killing more than 110 people and leaving nearly 100 more missing in the worst such attack in U.S. history.

Members of the Senate judiciary committee warmly supported strengthening anti-terrorism measures and said the issue was above partisan But several senators

hoisted warning flags over possible conflicts hetween some of the measures and Americans' constitutional rights to privacy and free

WASHINGTON (R) — attempts to add other con-Federal Bureau of Investiga- troversial crime provisions as troversial crime provisions as anti-terrorism legislation makes its way through Con-

Senate Republican leader Boh Dole, introducing his own anti-terrorism hill Thursday, said it included reforms to prevent prisoners under death penalty from using the system to launch what he termed numerous unneces-

domestic law enforcement. Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick called for an FBI counter-terrorist and counter-intelligence fund for "extraordinary" expenses in

The military should be au-

chairman of the judiciary

Senate minority leader Tom Daschle was more circumspect on prospects for a deal, saying gun cootrol and death sentence appeals were "among a lot of extraneous There were also signs of a possible cooflict over matters ... that could be hrought into the dehate on terrorism."

ment lawyers, led hy an associate deputy attorney

general who jetted in from

Washington for the process,

sat armed to the teeth with

his bearings, actively con-sulted with his lawyers, and

kept up with the events by

reading court papers — albeit with some difficulty as his

hands remained chained the

entire bearing, making it

awkward to flip pages. He never said a word to the

court during the five-hour

procedure, but he conferred

often with counsel. During

the rare moments wheo

humour surfaced in the pro-

cess he would flash a brief

smile or even venture a short

indeed.

It was a peculiar process

The visitor centre made an

odd venue, its soda and can-

dy vending machines that

would normally serve visiting

families hummed so loudly

they nearly drowned out the

attorney's opening argu-

became stuffy with some 60

attorneys, officials, guards and a select media pool

There was the irony of

watching two hinterlands

lawyers who moments before

nearly begged the judge to let

them off the case, charge

forward with incredible

tenacity and legal prowess.
They pressed Mr. Howland

repeatedly with earnest la-

ments demanding due pro-

cess and they fended off the

government from trying to

block witnesses from speak-

McVeigh's attorneys, John

Coyle and Susan Otto,

seemed as if they were the

dream-team power lawyers

representing multi-

millionaire super star O.J.

Simpson instead of public de-

fenders helping an indigent

But perhaps strangest of all was the sight of McVeigh

spending a sunny, warm

spring afternoon under

For it took little stretch of

the imagination to picture

him shooting hasketball or

enjoying a laugh with friends

if it just had not been for last

week's fateful morning hlast

armed guard and key.

The small room quickly

But McVeigh soon gained

legal documentation.

Blast suspect seems like boy-next-door at hearing

EL RENO (AFP) - America's most dangerous man the only person charged to date in the killer carbombing at an Oklahoma City federal building - seemed as mild as the proverbial boy next door during a special hearing.

The chains that hound Timothy McVeigh's wrists and wrapped around his waist rattled when the lanky, crewcut 27-year-old, whose rulerstrait posture reflected his military training, shuffled into the hearing Thursday under heavy guard. Here was the man whom

thousands would gladly see dead for his alleged role in the April 19 attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that left 110 people dead and nearly 100 missing.

U.S. Judge Ronald Howland convened the hearing shortly after 2:00 p.m. (1900 GMT) in a make-shift court hurriedly assembled in the visitor's centre of the medium-security federal prison here to determine if McVeigh should stand trial for the assault.

Fears that someone might have tried to kill McVeigh compelled U.S. officials to hold the hearing under the tight security the guard towers and double rows of fences laden with razor-sharp concertina wire provided. Besides, it was impossible

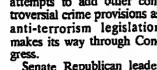
to have the hearing in the federal court 48 kilometres east in Oklahoma City — that structure still remained closed due to the damage it suffered when the blast ripped the neighbouring federal building nearly in half. Instead McVeigh's fate was

weighed in a brightly lit room with white tile floors buffed to an antiseptically pure spic and span — a cleanliness rivalled only by the vast expanses of lawn outside manicured to a putting-length pre-

Labour costs are not exactly a major concern at this all-male facility with a population of 1,315.

McVeigb at first seemed impassive, almost bewildered hy the events unfolding about

He sat flanked by defence attorneys whose first arguments were pleas for the judge to remove them from the trial because they were too personally affected by the tragic hlast.



sary appeals.

The issue was pressed at

the bearing by conservative Republicans Jon Kyl of Arizona and Charles Grassley of Iowa, who deplored the ability of convicts to escape the death penalty for years while

Mr. Dole also said his hill excluded a provisioo prop-osed by Mr. Clinton to expand the role of the military in assisting in domestic cases involving chemical and biological weapons as well as nuc-The military is barred from

terrorism crises.

thorised to intervene when terrorists possess chemical or biological weapons, she said, noting that current law provides for military interventioo only in the event that terrorists possess nuclear Senator Orrio Hatch,

committee and a Republican from Utah, said Mr. Clinton had agreed to support limits on death row appeals - a cause championed by Republican lawmakers who gained control of Congress for the first time in 40 years in November - to "keep our side from bringing guns op."

peoetrated it, the military said at the time. Alibogazi, whose narrow top hinders air raids, was the sceoe of major hattle in the 1930s when the army crushed A few metres away, a squad of U.S. Justice Depart-

Turkey. More than 15,000 people have been killed in the PKK's 10-year-old fight for a Kurdish state io southeast Turkey.

The army has been on a big drive against the PKK in Tunceli since late March in parallel with its anti-rebel operation in northern Iraq.

Meanwhile around 200 Iraqi Kord militiameo have moved in to guard a border zone against Turkish Kurd separatists following the withdrawal of Turkish troops, a Kurdish official

Necirvan Barzani, a leader of the Kordistan Democratic Party (KDP), said Thursday his group had deployed 200 men at Derkare near the border town of Zakho to guard against PKK rebels.

The aim was "to prevent the PKK from passing through that strategically important gate from the northern mountains to Zakho, Mr. Barzani said.

Derkare, 10 kilometres east of Zakho, lies at the foot of a loog mountaio range behiod which the PKK established strongholds in a remote valley region.

Some 500 Turkish soldiers

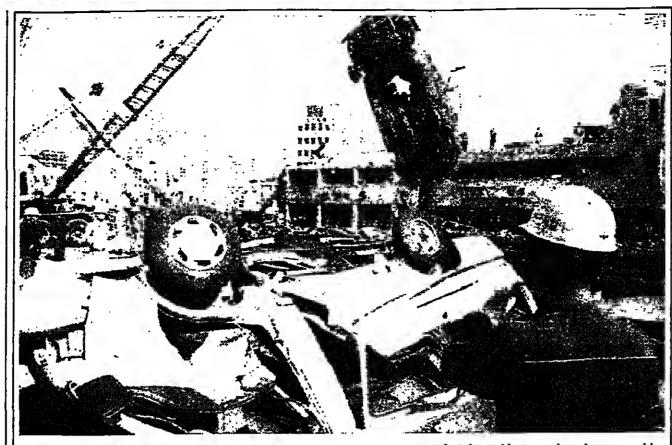
backed by tanks guarded the area after Ankara launched its hoge operation on March 20 to bont down PKK fighters in Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq.

The PKK has used the area as a rear base to launch attacks in its 11-year campaign to set up an indepen-dent homeland in southeast Turkey which has cost 15,000

Ankara said it is bankiog on cooperation with Iraq Kurds, especially the KDP to stop infiltration by PKK rebels once all its troops are withdrawn from northern

But Mr. Barzani stressed that the KDP was acting on its own initiative and bad not been ordered to deploy by the Turkish army following the pull-out of one third of its

troops on Tuesday. In Bratislava, Turkish Foreign Minister Erdal Inonu said on Thursday that the Turkish troops still in northern Iraq would be pulled out very soon and he blasted the Council of Europe for demanding a speedier withthat shattered so many lives. | drawal.



BLAST IN KOREA: Rescue workers use a crane to remove a crushed car from the site of a gas explosion Friday which has killed nearly one hundred rush-hour commuters. Early

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TUNCELI, Turkey (Agencies) — Turkish planes

bomhed a Kurdish rehel

stronghold, almost inaccessi-

hle to ground forces, in east-

ern Turkey for the second

day running on Friday, wit-

Three planes bombed Ali-

bogazi ravioe, a Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) hideout

in rugged Tunceli province,

on Friday moroing and Thursday afternoon, villagers in the area told Reuters by

There were no immediate

Twenty-five thousand

troops tried to storm the

ravine, a 1,500-metre-deep

gash cutting for 30 kilometres

through the mountains, ear-

lier this month but only partly

reports of casualties.

ravine

nesses said.

reports suggest that the accident may have been caused by human error (see page 4) (AFP photo)

Saudi fugitive held in U.S. to be deported to Jordan By P.V. Vivekanand has ordered that the State

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Mohammad Jamal KbaJifa, a Saudi oational under death senteoce in Jordan, is expected to arrive here this week after a U.S. court approved his request that he be deported to the Kingdom, where he will stand retrial, a Jordanian lawyer said Friday. It will be the first extradi-

tion carried out between the U.S. and Jordan after the two countries signed an extradition treaty in April. The death seotence on Mr.

Khalifa, who is also sought hy the Philippines government on charges of "plotting and financing suhversion," was passed by the State Security Court in December.

The court, which tried Mr. Khalifa in absentia, found him guilty of financing snbversion in Jordan in connection with a series of explosions and attempted bombings at public places in the trial of the so-called "Arah Afghans."
No ooe was killed in the

hlasts, but seven people were injured. The explosions also caused heavy damages.

Twenty-five people were tried in the case; II of them, including Mr. Khalifa and two others in absentia, were given the death sentence, seven were given stiff jail terms and seveo others were acquitted.

(The court of cassation. which reviewed the verdicts,

Security Court reconsider the sentences after taking into account some testimonies which it had rejected during

the trial). Samih Husseini, a Jordanian lawyer who was approached by memhers of Mr. Khalifa's family io January and is expected to act as his counsel when the man is returned to Jordan, said the verdict agaiost his client woold he automatically annulled and the case would be retried.

"I expect Mr. Khalifa to be returoed to Jordan this week." Mr. Husseini told the Jordan Times. Under Jordanian laws pertinent to trials in absentia, "he will he produced in the State Security Court, which will revoke the death sentence against him and order a retrial," Mr. Husseini said. No official comment was immediately availahle.

Mr. Khalifa was arrested hy U.S. immigration authorities in December on charges of falsifying his visa application and held without hail in San Francisco while federal agents investigated his hackground.

The only charge against him in the U.S. was that he failed to disclose in his visa application from that he was under criminal indictment in

The evidence against Mr. Khalifa, a Saudi husinessman who used to run a religious schools in the Philippioes,

dant, a Jordanian schoolteacher, who spent three months at the school in 1993. The schoolteacher, who

told interrogators that the school paid him JD 1,000 as the cost of a return airline ticket from Amman to the Philippioes and \$500 per mooth as honorarium while in the Philippines on three months of prohation, also was given the death sentence.

According to Mr. Husseini, tthe key statement against Mr. Khalifa, who, according to Mr. Husseini, had not contacts with any of the other accused in the case, was that he "promised" to help organise a subversive have only their hold on public opioion to hack up their group in Jordan. warning, some have direct

In its Dec. 16 ruling, the State Security Court rejected the charge that the defendant halomada to the Court halomada. dants belonged to an "illegal group" saying there was no evidence that such an organisadon existed. Press reports in the Philip-

pines have linked Mr. Khalifa with Ramzi Yousef, the alleged mastermind of the Feh. 26, 1993, bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York, and with the extremist Ahu Sayyaf group, which is accused of extremist attacks in Philippines terri-

The Manila government had sought to block Mr. Khalifa's deportation to Jordan saying it wanted the man for trial in the Philippines.

(Continued on page 7)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Muslim leaders warn All maternity

Arafat CAIRO (AP) — Hundreds of Muslim leaders worldwide on Friday warned Palestine Liheration Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat not to obstruct militant attacks on Israel and said Muslims would not give up their goal of liberating all

The warning — in a full-page ad in the leading Arabic daily Al Hayat — was signed mainly by clerics and officials known to oppose Israel. But it also showed broadbased opposition to peace with the Jewish state stretching from Algeria to India.

The Umma (Islamic Nation), represented hy its clergymen, thinkers and leaders, and the leadership of the party not to inflict harm on the mujahedeen in Palestine," said the statement.

The statement, signed by nearly 500 people, comes as Mr. Arafat's self-rule authority in the Gaza Strip is under increasing pressure to crack down on groups like Hamas and Islamic Jihad that oppose peace with Israel.

Arafat spokesman Nahil Ahu Redeinah, reached by telephone in Gaza, declined to comment on the state-The ad, which also

appeared io the Egyptian newspaper Al Shaah, said the Muslims will not relinquish their rights to all Palestine and to Jerusalem, which it called a holy Islamic city "not subject to a compromise."

Essentially, the statement treats the Israeli-Palestinian cooflict as a Muslim religious issue, not a battle over land the approach of the PLO. While the signers largely

links with the militant groups opposing Israel. The statement does not represent a universal opinion, of course.

The chief religious leaders in Egypt and Saudi Arabia have sanctioned Arah peace agreements with Israel. Even within Hamas, there is a division between opponents of any peace and others who want a role in Palestinian politics should the peace ioitiative move forward."

Among the ad's signers are avowed opponents of Israel such as Sudan's Hassan Tourabi and Hassan Nasrallah, leader of Lebanon's Hiz-

But the signers also include moderates like Abmad Obeidat, a former Jordanian

prime minister.

Uganda probing Sudanese relief agencies KAMPALA (AFP) — Ugandan authorities are investigat-

ing Sudanese relief agencies here over suspected involvement in plans to destabilise the government, sources said Friday. Uganda severed diplomatic ties with Khartoum on Sunday after accusations by both countries that the other was aidiog rebels. Relief agency officials who asked not to be named told AFP that Uganda's representatives for Sudan-based African Charitable Society, the Islamic Relief Agency and Munazamati Dawa Al Islamiyah, a medical charity, had been questioned by Ugandan security officials. The intelligence personnel wanted details about the organisations' work in Uganda, sources of their funds and when they started operating in the country. Press reports Friday said several Sodanese businessmen had also been interrogated and their residences searched by police who asked for information about illegal Sudanese activities in Uganda.

Qatar, Egypt discuss peace process

DOHA (AFP) - Sheikh Khalifa BenHamad Al Thani, the emir of Oatar, and Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa discussed the Middle East peace talks and Arah efforts to rid the region of mass destruction weapons here Friday. The official Qatari News Agency gave no further details of the emir's talks with Mr. Musa who arrived in Doha Friday for a hrief visit. Cairo and Doha earlier this month signed a 25-year-agreement here to ship two million tonnes of Qatari natural gas annually to Europe through Egypt's

U.S. envoy, Clerides discuss Cyprus

NICOSIA (AFP) - The U.S. special envoy to Cyprus met Friday with President Glascos Clerides in a fresh bid to find a solution to the divided Mediterranean island, the official Cyprus News Agency reported. James Williams, who is also to meet Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktasb in the breakaway north, said: "This is the time to resume and redouble our efforts to find common ground that will lead to the solution we all want." Cyprus has heen divided into Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot zones since a 1974 invasion by Turkish mainland troops following a Greekinspired coup in Nicosia. The United States supports U.N. efforts to establish a bizonal federation on the island.

Police free editor of Maariy newspaper

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Police released on hail, Friday the editor and publisher of Israel's second higgest-selling daily after holding him for six days in connection with a telephone-tapping scandal. Ofer Nimrodi nf Maariv newspaper was arrested Saturday on suspicion of organizing the tapping of telephones at the leading rival Yediot Aharonot as well as those of his own journalists. He was remanded in custody for week on Sunday. A former agent of Shin Beth, Israel's internal security service, was also released Friday.

David Rozen allegedly bugged telephones at Mr. Nimrodi's request. Bail was set at \$81,000 each. The pair are under house arrest and will be brought hack for interrogation next week, police said. Police also released Wednesday the Yediot editor, Moshe Vardi, after interrogating him for 48 hours. Mr. Vardi is suspected of hugging telephones at Maariv. Inquiries into widespread hugging in the media have been underway for a year as Maariv and Yediot fought a non-holds barred tahloid circulation war.

Israel withdraws tank mascot from

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) - The Israeli army said Friday it would withdraw a tank symbolising the seizure of the West Bank in the 1967 Middle East war. provoking the fury of settlers. The tank is installed near Jenin in the north of the occupied West Bank, where the army says it will begin its scheduled redeployment to allow the extension of Palestinian self-rule. The mascot will be taken to Israel's armoured weapons museum. The Jewish settlers council said the move illustrated the government's "defeatist policy" on the West Bank. "Another symbol of the 1967 victory disappears," it said in a statement,

Algerian conflict has cost \$2b

CAIRO (AFP) - The conflict between militants and Algeria's military-hacked government has cost the country two hillion dollars, Prime Minister Mokdad Sifi said in an interview published here Friday. "According to our estimates, losses amount to a little more than \$2 hillion," he told the Egyptian government daily Al Ahram. "But these losses, compared to the number of citizens who have lost their lives as a result of the violence, are nothing," he said. The Algerian interior ministry said recently that 15,000 people had been killed since the start of the conflict following the cancellation of elections that Islamic parties were poised to win in January 1992, hut U.S. State Department estimates are twice as high.

Hizbollah threatens to bombard Israel

KFAR MELKI, Lebanon (AFP) - Hizbollah guerrillas on Friday threatened to bombard northern Israel without warning if the Jewish state continued its "aggression" in South Lebanon. "There will not be one law for some and another for others. If people are subject to aggression in South Lehanon, Katyusha rockets will be fired into northern Israel," said Sheikh Naim Kassem, Hizbolah's second in command. He was speaking at a memorial service for a young suicide-homber, Salah Ghandu, who wounded 11 Israeli soldiers when he drove a car packed with explosives into an Israeli military convoy on Tuesday. Hizbollah "has fighters ready to use methods which inflict the most damage on the enemy," Sheikh Kassem said. "The resistance has decided to diversify its combat methods to keep the occupiers on their toes.

hospitals shut In Ukralnian city

KIEV (R) - Epidemics and

recovations bave closed and maternity hospitals in a maior eastern Ukrainian city forcing women to travel at least 40 kilometres to give birth, officials said. Two hospitals in Lugansk, a city of 600,000 near the Russian bor. der, were shut this week after outbreaks of baterial infections. Three others were closed because of major repairs. "This is the fault of city authorities," epidemic spe-cialist Anatoly Dokoshenko said by telephone. "We have a very difficult situation. A Diphtheria epidemic could hreak out at any time. Our sewers and water system are most unreliable." Officials said ambulances were ferrying expectant mothers to four towns up to 70 kilometres from Lugansk. Epidemics of diphtheria, long eradicated in the West, cholera, and salmooella have spread through Ukraine and other former Soviet republics since the collapse of communism. At least 10 infants died of Salmooella in December in a Kiev hospital, prompting alerts throughout Ukraine. Hygiene standards are notoriously poor in Ukraioian hospitals aod medicines difficult to obtain as the medical care system, chaotic even in Soviet times, has all hut collapsed.

Archaeologists trace ancient tools to Africa

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Africa suggest that a major advance in buman social development occurred there and not Europe, and 50,000 years earlier than thought, two archaeologists said. Alison Brooks of George Washington University and John Yellen of the National Science Foundation discovered tools made of carved. speak-tipped bones near a river in Zaire in 1988 and 1990. In Friday's edition of the journal Science, the hushand-wife team argues that the bone tools are approximately 90,000 years old — 50,000 years older than European tools previously regarded as the first human invention. "What we are looking for is the origins of modern human hehaviour," Mr. Yellen said. Because car- 1285 bon dating is not accurate and that far hack, the researchers relied on more experimental methods of calculating the age of these artifacts. Their findiogs, which could shake up many hasic assumptions about buman social evolvtion, are controversial and will have to be confirmed by more excavation and analysis. But Mr. Yellen and Ms. Brooks said in interviews that their research will prompt archaeologists to rethink theories about the timeline for human development, and suggests that the middle Stone Age humans in Africa had more complex skills and social organisation than Paleolithic Neanderthals in Europe.

Dutch doctor convicted in baby euthanasia case

ALKMAAR, Netherlands (R) - A Dutch court has found a doctor who ended the life of a severely handicapped haby guilty of murider, but decided not to purish him for the offence. Doctor Henk Prins gave a fatal injection to the child in consultation with her parents and other doctors after she was born with a partly formed hrain and spina bifida March 1993.

Spending on Illegati drugs has dropped in U.S.

WASHINGTON (R)
Americans spent \$49 billion in the by on illegal drugs in 1993, down: from more than \$64 billion 1988, according to a new 1982. port released Thursday the White House office of national drug control policy Director Lee Brown said the report, which tracked U.S. spending on illegal drugs from 1988 through 1993 showed that the United States was making some headway in its hattle against drugs. "This decline in druguse is good news and shows that we are making some gains in our fight against drugs," Mr. Brown said in a